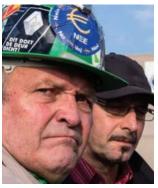
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FOR THOSE WITH PENDING CW APPLICATIONS

USCIS: 90-day parole extension



Stephen P. Green, Guam and CNMI field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, gestures as he provides an update on the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program while USCIS Saipan Application Service Center manager Jody Luntsford, left, looks on, during the CNMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management's monthly meeting yesterday at Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

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oreign workers who have yet to get their initial transitional Commonwealth-only worker permit need to apply for an

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extension of their parole in place up to Dec. 28, 2012, the self-imposed new

deadline for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to make a decision on all initial CW-1 filings. This comes two years before the end of the CW program in 2014.

As of Sept. 25, over 5,000 foreign workers remain without CW permits.

Many of those petitions are still awaiting responses from employers that received "request for evidence" notices.

Moreover, many employers may now need to start applying for an extension of their workers' initial CW-1 permits—at least 90 days prior to the expiration of

these permits.

Stephen P. Green, field office director for USCIS Guam and CNMI, provided updates on the transitional CW program and answered

over 60 questions from members and guests of the CNMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management during their monthly meeting yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club in

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CHC turn-around seen in two years

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Exactly a year after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. took over the public hospital's operations, CEO Juan N. Babauta turned in yesterday to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Legislature the organization's mandated annual re-

which highlighted not only the challenges it encountered but the accomplishments it

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made and the promise of a bright future for the Commonwealth Health Center.

Packed in an 18-page document titled "Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: A Year in Transition," Babauta believes that CHCC is beginning to come See CHC on Page 4



Cop who testified at impeachment gets transfer order DPS Patrol Section, just received a trans-

Peter R. Camacho, a police officer who was among those who testified before the House Special Committee on Impeachment, will be transferred to a new assignment in the Department of Public Safety. Sources disclosed yesterday that Ca-

macho, who is currently assigned with

fer order from acting DPS commissioner Aniceto Ogumoro.

The order assigns Camacho to the Koban Station in western Garapan effective this Sunday, sources said.

When asked about the transfer, DPS

acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said he is currently on special assignment and that he is not aware of it.

Sources said that Camacho was allegedly upset with the new assignment.

Most officers assigned at the Koban

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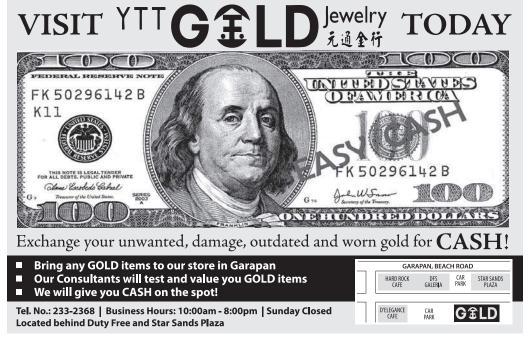
CULTURAL EXCHANGE

A Japanese student from the Yokosuka Gakuin High School signs a souvenir shirt for a student at Grace Christian Academy at the end of vesterday's cultural exchange visit on island.

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PIPER MEETING

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Staff-volunteers of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. have their picture taken at the opening of the weeklong 2012 Pacific Islands Preparedness and Emergency Response (PIPER) regional meeting at the Kanoa Resort Saipan this week.

CDA still remits employer contribution

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The Commonwealth Development Authority continues to remit the 30-percent employer contribution for active employees under the defined benefit

plan, said comptroller Danny

Militante.

At the same time, CDA also remits its 4-percent employer contribution for employees who contribute 10 percent under the defined contribution plan.

During a Development Corporation Division board meeting yesterday, Militante said the agency's decision to continue its employer contributions was at the recommendation of their

legal counsel.

Militante noted that the recommendation was to accrue the 30-percent employer contribution "and wait until such time they determine the actual rate we need to pay."

But executive director Manuel Sablan said the agency has to comply with the law, adding that the employer contribution is the responsibility of CDA to its employees.

Legal counsel Vicente "Ben" Salas explained to board members the reason for maintaining the status quo, saying the Department of Finance has yet to come up with an assessment to determine the new employer

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Torres apologizes to voters, accepts election body's decision

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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CNMI Democratic Party bet Jesse David Jones Torres apologized yesterday to all his supporters and said he will not appeal the decision of the Commonwealth Election Commission, which disqualified him as a voter and a candidate for this year's mid-term elections.

Torres has seven days to appeal the commission's decision.

The Office of the Attorney General, which found out that he was still a registered voter in Guam, made the recommendation for his disqualification.

"Although my candidacy was already certified by the CNMI Election Commission and I have been listed as a CNMI voter since 1999 all the way until the last time I checked the CEC website a month ago, I understand the CEC's decision to remove me as a candidate," Torres said in a statement yesterday, adding that prior to the filing period, he made inquiries with the commission.

"Before filing my candidacy, I inquired with the CNMI Election Commission over the phone and asked that if a person works on both Saipan and Guam, would that person still be able to run for office. I was told that as long as that person is not a registered voter in Guam. The Guam election commission failed to un-register me as a 2010 Guam voter after I had filled out a form requesting to un-register me

before filing my candidacy with the CNMI election office. It was even notarized by them. Somehow, they lost my form and never did their job," he added.

However, he said he has decided not to file an appeal. "I have decided not to file for an appeal so that the CNMI election for Precinct 5 can proceed without disruption. I ask that if my name is on the absentee ballots, that people do not vote for me so that their vote would count. I thank all of those who supported me and I apologize for this inconvenience even after my candidacy was certified months ago," he added.

The commission is expected to strike out Torres' name on the ballots after its board adopted a motion last Wednesday that instructed the removal of his name.







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contribution rate.

"Because they have not yet come up with this assessment, it doesn't come into effect to override the 30 percent," added Salas.

Militante disclosed that one employee submitted an application to withdraw contribution and was approved by the Fund.

"I received the approval as of Oct. 21 pay period so we're going to start ceasing the contribution from this point on," said Militante, adding that the rest of the CDA staff will continue to remain in the defined benefit plan.

Posidos the lone contribu

Besides the lone contribution withdrawal application, another CDA employee recently retired, and Sablan said the employee had to pay the 61 percent contribution before he was able to retire.









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are rookies. Camacho is a veteran officer but still has a rank of police officer 1.

According to an after-action report submitted by Office of the Public Auditor chief investigator Juan Santos to the House impeachment panel, DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro attorney general Edward T. Buckingham or DPS will arrest her. A few months ago, Camacho also filed a grievance complaint against Ogumoro for allegedly subjecting him to bullying, intimi-

instructed Camacho through the

department's central dispatch to

inform OPA investigator Juanette

David-Atalig to cease their opera-

tion to serve the summons to then

dation, and harassment. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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together and is in a much better position to improve healthcare services in these extremely difficult times.

Babauta said that turning around a hospital usually takes about three to four years and it would be impossible for the new corporation to make it happen in just a year, especially when the root problem is its financial condition and system.

"It has been a year of transition for the CHCC and a tremendously very difficult one. In fact, we still are in a transition. Normally, it takes a hospital in such financial condition about three to four years to turn around, which means CHCC has a ways to go yet. However, CHCC is indeed making some progress even under these difficult circumstances," Babauta told the governor in his letter yesterday.

The corporation officially took over CHC's operations on Oct. 24, 2011.

Since that time, the corporation has made significant strides to improve its revenue, Babauta said, from just under \$600,000 monthly in October 2011 to \$1.5 million a month at present. He projects revenue to hit \$2.5 million

a month by December in the wake of several actions taken by the corpora-

In its first year, the corporation cut down on the number of personnel, reduced travel by 20 percent, controlled operational expenses, increased Medicare reimbursement, updated the billings and accounts receivable system, completed updates on the charge master that increased hospital fees, and other ways that boosted CHC revenues and collection.

Babauta said the corporation also acquired a \$2-million boiler for the hospital; addressed federal labor citations that resulted in the payment of back wages to employees; was successful in the establishment of the new Kagman Community Health Center; and acquired equipment and medical tools to satisfy Medicare citations, among

At present, the hospital is working on upgrading its CT scan from a single slice to 16-slice system. It also recently acquired new defibrillators.

Most notable, Babauta said, is the high performance award for the hemodialysis unit after it scored 30 out of 30 points in the Medicare's Quality Incentive Program. In 2010, the unit scored only 18 out of 30 points, which resulted in the assessment of a 2-percent penalty on the reimbursements for hemodialysis services.

Starting in fiscal year 2013, the corporation will start to directly receive the indirect cost from all federal health programs. The Office of the Governor used to handle these grants.

Babauta also mentioned the line of credit obtained from the Marianas Public Land Trust and the approval of an additional line of credit to further help hospital operation.

Babauta said these are just among the accomplishments of CHCC, besides the establishment of several hospital policies and procedures to ensure the proper delivery of services and the formation of specific committees for certain tasks as well as the formation of a management team.

"There are many issues and challenges which remain and the CHCC has a long way to go in making changes needed to make the claim that the services and healthcare [are] 'excellent' or graded as an 'A.' However, there can be no denying the progress which has been made despite the financial situation and absence of planning in establishing the corporation," said Babauta, who believes that the survival of the hospital without the necessary funding "is really a miracle."

Strategic plan

Babauta's report cited six goals that will serve as the corporation's strategic action plan for the next three years. These include stabilization and improvement of the financial condition and operations of CHCC; improve hospital and clinic care; implement the RPMS electronic health record to meet the Stage 1-3 requirements of Medicare and the JDE financial management system; pursue the use of telehealth and telemedicine; promote programs to focus on quality and preventative care; and rectify disparities in healthcare financing.

Lack of planning

The report disclosed that when CHCC was inaugurated on Oct. 24, 2011, the lack of planning immediately became evident. The lack of transition planning, coupled with the financial difficulties of the government, made for a challenging start for the corporation.

Babauta disclosed that CHCC started without articles of incorporation, no draft bylaws for the operation of the board, no applications for the designation of CHCC as a provider of healthcare services for Medicare and

Medicaid, and no financial assessment that will show beginning balances, accounting system, inventory of assets and liabilities, and no procurement and personnel rules and policies in place.

"In summary, there was next to no transition planning for the CHCC and no orientation planned or provided for the CEO or the board of trustees. An overview of the operations and finances would have been helpful. But none was provided," said Babauta.

CHCC problems

There were three major sources of problems cited in the first year of operations of CHCC. These include finances, planning for the corporation, and inexperience of the management team to deal with the magnitude of the financial shortfalls and the problems resulting from a lack of planning for the organization.

He cited the lack of budget—from \$38 million in the past allocated to the Department of Public Health to just \$5 million in seed money in 2011. Fortunately, he said, the Executive Branch understood the situation and provided funding to make payroll. However, he said, the absence of funding plunged the CHCC into a "valley of despair."

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San Antonio.

Green's main topic was the extension of CW-1 status for workers.

However, many in the audience asked Green about initial CW applications that have yet to be adjudicated to begin with.

Those who still have pending CW applications and whose parole in place expired need to apply for an extension of their parole in place.

Green said parole will be extended for 90 days from Sept. 30, 2012, or up to Dec. 31, 2012.

He said there are some 700 requests for parole extensions with pending CW applications received in the Guam office. Application for extension can also be filed with the Saipan ASC.

"We're working on it," Green told Saipan Tribune, when asked whether all these 700 applications for extensions have already been granted.

He said the adjudication period depends on the availability of personnel but he said this has been made a priority.

Accompanying Green at the SHRM presentation was USCIS Saipan Application Service Center manager Jody Luntsford.

Over 60 questions

Green answered more than 60 questions from the audience up to almost 2pm but many of those questions have yet to be researched for proper answers.

These include questions about re-

sponsibility over medical costs and repatriation if the CW-1 worker resigns or is terminated before the expiration of his CW permit.

Eric Plinske, one of the SHRM members, said the question on medical issue "is a local law issue."

"The law still says that all lies with the Attorney General's Office," he said, adding that when they called former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, his answer was, "We'll look into it."

Plinske said SHRM can still make a follow up inquiry with the Office of the Attorney General.

Another question that has yet to be answered fully is whether the recent 50-cent minimum wage increase and an employer-decided salary raise should require an amendment to the CW status. Green said he thinks a mandatory minimum wage increase does not need an amendment, adding that he would research more on this.

Green said as of now, there is still no change in the status of nonresident immediate relatives of minor U.S. citizens and others covered in Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 1466. The bill proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" to four groups of people.

"We are waiting for guidance right now," Green said in an interview.

The humanitarian parole for these individuals will expire on Dec. 31, 2012.

Extending CW status

Green gave a step-by-step process on how to apply for an extension of CW-1 status for workers.

Employers need to submit filled out

Form I-129CW, petition for CNMI-only nonimmigrant transitional worker, which has a fee of \$325, and CNMI education funding fee of \$150.

Green said these should be two separate checks payable to "Department of Homeland Security."

Each petition should include: an attestation for each worker; evidence to support employer's attestation that he has tried to hire a U.S. worker for the position; copies of recent pay statements or W-2s to show that the worker has been employed and is being compensated at the salary represented in the filing; and documentation to show that the employer is still doing business such as tax returns.

If the position requires a license, employers should send a photo of the license.

The employer's attestation should be a "new" advertisement for the job, not the original one, Green said.

Green pointed out that employers should "not" include the biometrics fee.

"The petition will be rejected if you include this fee on an extension," he told the audience. "Most I-129CW case rejections and delays were due to incorrect fees."

Green said employers should submit the form and evidence for the CW extension "at least 90 days before the current CW status ends."

During question-and-answer, Green said an application filed six months in advance is for companies that are just starting out and wanting to hire employees.

Another SHRM member asked

whether employers can apply for twoyear CW permits, but Green said right now it's only a one-year permit that can be renewed annually until the end of the transition period.

An employer can file extensions for multiple workers on one I-129CW if the workers have the same job title, same location, same duration, and same requested action in Part 2 of the I-129CW form.

After the employer files for the extension application, it will get a receipt notice from USCIS California Service Center. The employer may receive a Request for Evidence, or approval/denial notice.

If the employer receives approval, they must give their employees the I-94 document showing the worker's lawful status.

Workers must have been working in the CNMI as CW-1 worker and their employer must petition for them to have their CW status extended.

CW-2 status extension

The spouse and children under 18 years old of a CW-1 worker who has received an extension are eligible to apply for CW-2 extensions.

The dependents can file Form 1-539 at the same time I-129CW is filed. Spouse and children can be included on one Form I-539 and the filing fee is

"All fees for dependents are paid by the worker/family. Do not submit a biometric fee," Green said.

CW-1 workers can also get CW-2 status for their dependents outside the CNMI. A CW-1 worker must mail the

original CW-1 approval notice to the spouse or child overseas.

These dependents must go to www. travel.state.gov to make an appointment for a nonimmigrant visa at the U.S. Embassy or consulate. They must complete the DS-160 form and pay the

More than one job

Green said a worker can work for more than one employer if each employer submits an I-129CW petition.

CW workers can change employers but the new employer must petition for the worker.

"If a worker has an approved CW, the worker may start work for the new employer as soon as the new employer files the I-129CW petition," Green said.

Common mistakes

Green said employers need to avoid common mistakes such as submitting applications that are not signed, fee was incorrect, or the check is not filled out correctly; for example, monetary amounts did not match.

"Application will be rejected and this will cause delays," he added.

More information is available at www.uscis.gov/cnmi or www.uscis. gov/cw.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce have been pushing for a five-year extension of the transitional CW program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, citing the need to still have access to skilled foreign labor to help run the local economy.

US Social Security deductions on Nov. 2 paycheck

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REPORTER

Government employees will start seeing U.S. Social Security deductions on their Nov. 2 paycheck, covering Oct. 7 to 20, bringing a sigh of relief to at least some employees on Capital Hill who thought the mem-

bership into the federal program

did not go through.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday there is a two-week lag time in payroll, so next payday is the first full pay period of the new fiscal year.

Starting on their Nov. 2 paycheck, government employees will see a tax deduction of 4.2 percent of their gross salary for Social Security.

Senate EAGI: San Nicolas will be treated similar to other nominees

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chair Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said yesterday that the governor's attorney general nominee, Joey Patrick San Nicolas, will be treated similar to other appointees who have come before the Senate amid questions on San Nicolas' residency.

"We're going to treat everyone the same as all those nominees that are sent to the Senate. We will proceed with the public hearing once we get all the required documents," Cruz told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

However, he said nothing stops the public from submitting comments to the committee about the nominee this early.

Cruz said the Senate legal counsels are now looking into San Nicolas' residency, after concerns were raised that he may not have met the constitutional requirement of residing in the CNMI at least three years "immediately preceding" his confirmation.

San Nicolas' nomination by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial requires the Senate's advice and consent.

Cruz said that, although the Fitial administration and the Office of the Attorney General came up with its formal position on the residency issue, the Senate will have its independent review of the constitutional provisions relating to residency requirement for AG nominees.

San Nicolas worked as assistant attorney general for the Guam Attorney General's Office from February 2011 to January 2012.

Press secretary Angel Demapan and the OAG separately said San Nicolas meets the constitutional residency requirement. They said San Nicolas never claimed residency in any other jurisdiction.

As of yesterday, the EAGI Committee has yet to receive required documents including the nominee's resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, and evidence of compliance with the mandatory drug screening.

Demapan said yesterday the AG nominee is now preparing these documents for submission. Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said a public hearing may be held after the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

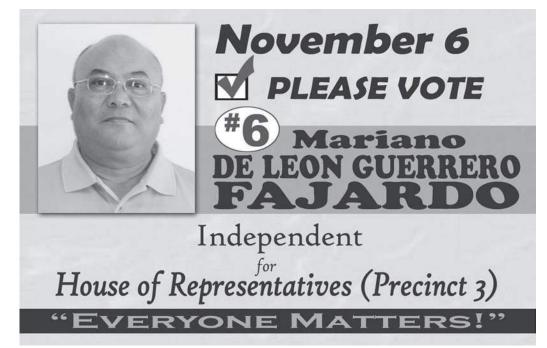
The 4.2 percent is the current employee rate under the Social Security program.

Beginning in calendar year 2013, the employee rate will increase to 6.2 percent unless U.S. Congress extends the lower rate of 4.2 percent.

The employer contribution is 6.2 percent of the employee's salary, paid on the employee's behalf.

Upon completing enough quarters of service and reaching the required age for retirement, government employees may become eligible for Social Security benefits.

The CNMI government moved to re-enter the Social Security program amid the financial crisis plaguing the NMI Retirement Fund.







Large number found violating NMHC's utility subsidy rules

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Roughly 60 percent of tenants receiving monthly utility payment checks from the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. have been found to be violating the agency's housing guidelines.

Acting manager Bryan Bocago of NMHC's Program and Housing Division made this determination after the agency began requiring tenants to present their utility payment for the previous month before they are issued their utility checks or URP.

This requirement, which began on Oct. 1 or the start of fiscal year 2013, was one of two standard operating procedures of NMHC that were amended during its board meeting in August.

According to Bocago, ten-

ants' violations vary anywhere from not providing a receipt to contrasting names in the utility bills and checks.

Bocago disclosed during yesterday's board meeting that NMHC follows a three-consecutive-strike policy when dealing with violators.

After the third consecutive offense, the tenant is expected to have a conference with the Program and Housing Division manager to determine what kind of action would be taken against the tenant, which includes termination from the housing program.

Bocago said the policy allows due process for the tenant who is found to be in violation of housing guidelines.

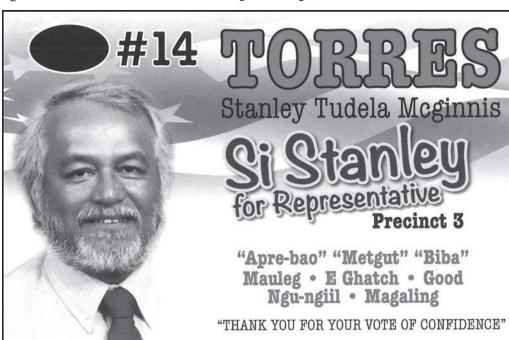
Corporate director Jesse Palacios, for his part, said verifying tenants' payments to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. allows them to keep track of any irregularities on the part of tenants.

For example, turning in receipts of utility payments would reveal whether or not the tenant used the URP in paying for their previous utility bill.

According to Palacios, those that are found with irregularities would be asked for more information, including the balance owed the utilities company.

"The bigger the balance, the bigger the probability of [the tenant] being disconnected," he added.

Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which funds NMHC housing programs such as the Section 8 and Multifamily Assistance, requires tenants to have power and water services in their housing units.





BOOSTING TOURISM

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A young tourist checks out the remnants of a World War II military artifact at the Last Command Post in Marpi, one of the most popular tourist sites in the CNMI because of its history and beauty. Tourist arrivals to the CNMI expect to have another boost, this time from charter flights from Vladivostok, Russia to Saipan this week.





Motion to quash deposition in PPA lawsuit under advisement

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman placed under advisement yesterday House Speaker Eli Cabrera's motion to quash the notice of deposition and the accompanying subpoena sent him by the Senate and Reps. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) in connection with the lawsuit over the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

At the hearing, attorney Matthew T. Gregory, counsel for Cabrera, reiterated their position that the service of subpoena was defective as no witness fee was tendered.

Gregory said the subpoena is identical to the issue in the impeachment proceedings before the House of Representatives.

The lawyer also asserted that Cabrera has constitutional immunity from complying with the subpoena.

"The immunity is an absolute privilege," said Gregory, adding that the court should quash the notice of deposition to protect the integrity of the Legislature.

Gregory did not discuss other issues as Wiseman had already heard the same in a previous motion hearing.

Attorney Ramon Quichocho, counsel for the Senate, Maratita, and Yumul, said the law is clear that the \$30 witness fee is not required.

Quichocho noted that Wiseman waived the bond requirement in granting the preliminary injunction because the plaintiffs are the Senate and Maratita and Yumul, who are both elected officials.

With respect to the legislative immunity claim, Quichocho said the motion to quash the subpoena is premature.

"We are not asking to compel testimony. We are only asking for him [Cabrera] to attend the deposition," the lawyer said.

Quichocho said that Cabrera

cannot use his legislative immunity to thwart the deposition. "Certainly the legislative immunity is not a license to thwart Mr. Cabrera' deposition," Quichocho said.

The Senate, Maratita, and Yumul are suing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Saipan Development LLC.

They want the court to declare the 25-year power purchase agreement "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and unjust, and therefore, cancelled."

Wiseman has already issued

a preliminary injunction that prohibit Fitial and his co-defendants from pursuing all agreements associated or related to the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement.

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Prosecution moves to dismiss'ice' conspiracy case vs probation officer

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The U.S. government asked the court yesterday to dismiss the charge of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine or "ice" against Division of Youth Services probation officer Leonard Urumelog Ordonez.

As this developed, the U.S. government also indicated that it is not opposing Corrections officer Jesse Reyes Babauta's motion to dismiss count 7 of the indictment charging him with possessing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime.

Assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Lemons Jr. informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI about their request to dismiss with prejudice the case against Ordonez. Lemons did not explain the reason behind the request.

Dismissal with prejudice means the case cannot be reopened.

The indictment charged Ordonez, former CNMI adult probation officer Robin Sablan, and his wife Ofelia Sablan with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

one count of distribution of methamphetamine in or near school grounds, and one count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

According to the indict-

In addition, Robin Sablan was charged with one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

The Sablan couple signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government and pleaded guilty.

According to the indictment, from June 10, 2010, until Aug. 22, 2012, the three allegedly conspired to distribute "ice."

With respect to Babauta, assistant U.S. attorney Lemons told the federal court on

Wednesday that the U.S. government does not oppose the defendant's motion to dismiss count 7 of the indictment.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, counsel for Babauta, argued in the motion that count 7 fails to state a chargeable offense because it is "completely devoid of any substantive facts."

Dotts said the indictment appears to be based solely on the purported fact that Babauta sold an unloaded firearm and a small amount of "ice" in two separate transactions to the same buyer on the same day.

Dotts said the text of count 7 does not state any facts showing how defendant actually "used" and/or "carried" the firearm and is equally silent on how the alleged carrying of the firearm was "in relation to" to the "ice" sale.

Aside from count 7, the indictment charged Babauta with one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, four counts of distribution of methamphetamine, one count of distribution of methamphetamine in or near school grounds, and one count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

According to the indictment, Babauta conspired with other persons to distribute "ice" from June 2010 until Aug. 22, 2012, in one instance within 1,000 feet of a school.

In another instance, the defendant allegedly carried and used a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver with an obliterated serial number during a drug transaction. He was also allegedly found in possession of a Colt .38 caliber revolver with a removed, altered, and obliterated serial number.

Coast Guard helicopter lased, forced to land

HONOLULU—A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew was targeted by an individual with a laser pointer while flying nearly two miles offshore of Oahu, late Tuesday.

The lased MH-65 Dolphin helicopter was forced to return to Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii. The crew's flight mechanic and rescue swimmer were affected, compromising their abilities to perform duties.

"Whether this was a malicious or just irresponsible act, it is critical that the public be aware of the seriousness of lasing an aircraft," said Capt. Timothy Gilbride, commanding officer of Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point. "Not only does it risk the lives of the aircrew, it can delay rescue missions or disable crews, risking the lives of distressed mariners."

Laser pointers can cause glare, afterimage, flash blindness or temporary loss of night vision, all causing a great danger to the crew. If any aircrew member's vision is compromised during a flight, Coast Guard flight rules dictate that the aircraft must abort their mission. This hinders the Coast Guard's ability to respond to people in distress, training and homeland security missions.

Additionally, aircrew members are taken off flight duty for a minimum of 24 hours. They must have their eyes dilated and be cleared by a doctor before flying again.

According to a Food and Drug Administration Consumer Safety Alert, overpowered green laser pointers may have been modified to emit more radiation than originally intended. These overpowered green laser pointers are a serious concern because they can cause permanent eye damage. The FDA regulates the manufacture of laser products.

It is a federal crime, as well as violation of most states' law to aim a laser pointer at an aircraft. People witnessing this crime are strongly encouraged to immediately call 911 to report the incident. (USCG)

Church 360 invites public to fall festival

Church 360 will be hosting for the first time a free fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4pm to 6pm.

The event is open to children and families and is designed as a fun, safe, and family-friendly alternative to Halloween.

The contemporary non-denominational Christian church will offer food, games, music, face painting, contests, and tons of candy for free. Young and adult guests are also encouraged to dress up in their best attire to join the costume contest.

Event sponsors are Joeten Superstore, Herman's Modern Bakery, and 360 Revolving Restaurant.

To volunteer or for more information, visit Church 360 at Suite 103 on the ground floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, call 888-2116 or email info@ church360saipan.org. (PR)



Oct. 26, 2000

CPA checks if it can halt increase in airport charges

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is now making a thorough review of its financial capabilities in line with the scheduled adjustment of airport charges toward the end of October, according to Board Chair Roman S. Palacios. Mr. Palacios said the Board of Directors and the management are looking at the ports authority's financial situation to determine whether the agency can still continue holding the new airport charges that are up for implementation beginning next month. "We would like to move very cautiously. Everything, from our level of revenues to our expenditures and bond payment, is currently being looked at to give us a clearer picture what we can do to accommodate the carriers' request," he said.

Supreme Court warns Mitchell anew

The Supreme Court yesterday ordered lawyers Jeanne Rayphand and Theodore R. Mitchell or anyone acting on their behalf to stop filing or serving deposition notice without first seeking permission from the court. In an order written by Supreme Court Associate Justice Alexandro C. Castro, the high court quashed the notice of deposition on oral examination of Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan and his wife Annie, Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan and his wife Frances, and Soledad T. Tenorio for lack of legal basis. "The court will not allow Rayphand or Mitchell to subject a non-party to unnecessary time and expense," Justice Castro said. Ms. Rayphand is the counsel for suspended lawyer Mitchell.

Oct. 26, 2001

PSS explores budget options

The Public School System yesterday assessed its financial capability to stay afloat in the new fiscal year, exploring three separate budget plans that try to picture the worst-case budget scenarios. The Board of Education Fiscal and Personnel Committee yesterday listened to the PSS Fiscal and Budget Office's presentation on several budget options, in the event that it retains its current \$37.2 million funding level or experience budget reductions If the PSS continues to tread on the current \$37.2 million continuing resolution, the agency expects to sufficiently support its operations, similar to FY 2001.

Teno okays 3 funding measures

Three local appropriation bills for Saipan and the Northern Islands amounting to a total of \$707,460 successfully made it through the legislative mill, after Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed the measures yesterday. Tenorio informed legislative leaders in a transmittal letter that he has signed into law House Local Bills 12-42, 12-41 and 12-39, which would now be referred to as Saipan Local Laws 12-20, 12-21 and 12-22, respectively. Saipan Local Law 12-20 aims to set aside \$310,000 on the fees collected from poker machines to fund various projects on Saipan. Part of the money-\$100,000-will go to the Office of the Mayor of Saipan for the purchase of parts, fuel, radios and for the repairs and maintenance of heavy equipment, which were not specified.

Oct. 26, 2002

'MPLA is no lending agency'

The Marianas Public Lands Authority does not have the money to lend to the Executive Branch because it is operating on a limited budget. This, as MPLA Deputy Commissioner Henry Hofschneider emphasized that the "MPLA is not a lending agency." "We're not in a business of lending money," Hofschneider said when asked about the possible assistance the MPLA may extend to the administration following a projected severe budget shortfall in the last quarter of the year. MPLA officials were among those invited by Gov. Juan N. Babauta to attend Thursday's cabinet meeting. The Governor said autonomous agencies like the MPLA were invited "to know their financial standings."

Dialysis center expansion underway

Finally, the long-awaited expansion of the hemodialysis center at the Commonwealth Health Center can now go full swing after the Department of Public Works gave the green light for the contractor to proceed with the \$6 million project. Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider, together with Special Assistant for CIP Management Charles Jordan, made the announcement to reporters yesterday. Hofschneider said the project's contractor is AIC Marianas Incorporated, while the construction management contract has been awarded to SSFM, whose principal is John Gentry and whose fee is about \$250,000.

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EDITORIAL

A Dark Ages day in Italy

aybe the United States doesn't need to worry about an impending shortage of scientists. The ones in Italy might be happy to move here after the preposterous conviction this week of six earthquake experts who inaccurately gauged the chances of a major temblor striking a quake-prone area in that country.

In a decision more reminiscent of Dark Ages magical thinking than modern scientific understanding, a three-judge panel sentenced the experts, as well as a former government official, to six years in prison for concluding in 2009 that the risk of a catastrophic earthquake in L'Aquila was small. The region had been plagued by a series of tremors, and less than a week after the panel of scientists delivered its opinion, a 6.3-magnitude quake killed 300 people.

The government had asked the scientists, members of the Major Risks Commission, for an assessment of the risk and they gave it—including a caveat that their prediction might prove incorrect. Tragically, the caveat came true. Maybe the scientists made mistakes in their calculations. Perhaps they could have been better at their jobs and reached a more accurate assessment, or this might have been the best any seismologist could do. But if the responsibility belongs anywhere, it's with the government for treating earthquake prediction as if it were an exact science—it notably is not—and implying that the public could rely on such predictions.

Had the commission come to a different conclusion and warned of impending peril, residents might have jammed the streets with cars in a frantic attempt to evacuate, which could have resulted in loss of life in collisions. And what if that prediction proved false? Would the scientists have been convicted of unnecessarily causing a panic that resulted in death?

If the Italian government wanted absolute accuracy, it would have needed to find an all-knowing authority. Experts can give their educated opinion on whether geologic events fit a dangerous-looking pattern, but the only utterly true answer that current earthquake science can deliver is: We don't know. And that's the only answer Italy will be able to expect from scientists in the future unless an appeals court overturns this case and the government drops its Inquisition-like prosecution of imperfect experts.

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Negotiate with Iran, but stand firm

residential debates on international affairs almost always invoke a lot of tough talk, and Monday's was no exception, as Barack Obama and Mitt Romney used the topic of Iran to burnish their macho credentials.

Negotiating directly with Tehran doesn't sound tough, which may be why both candidates evaded it when the subject came up. But direct U.S.-Iran talks must at least be attempted before war becomes the only remaining option to halt Iran's quest for bomb-grade nuclear material.

The New York Times reported Sunday that Iran and the United States had agreed to direct negotiations. That would mark a bold

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Now for Something Really Scary...

The betrayal of trust

rust was our only treasured possession we handed to this administration three years ago. We were confident that, though it may face adversity, it would stand proud with a powerful sense of integrity and resilience to muddle through calm and storm.

But it ignored and trashed our sacred trust in favor of an agenda far removed from "the consent of the governed." It worked up arrogance and doubled it up with negligence, turning our livelihood into factual misery. To say we're disappointed is an understatement. The damage to its credibility is irreversible and there's nothing it could do to restore it. Its failure drips heavily on the lips of our people everywhere in this archipelago.

The rotten egg

We move about quizzing whether we have received positive return on our investment in trust from this administration. The answer elicits dual response, though most would yell out a clear, "No!" Well, governance knows by heart that it "need not eat a whole egg to know it's rotten." The powerful stench of failure has descended heavily throughout these isles.

The draconian decision to sign the power plant deal of \$2.3 billion did the finishing job against its credibility, not to mention initial negligence of its fiduciary fiscal duty on funds for CHC. It shirked giving sufficient seed money for transition purposes.

Unbearable the sinking feeling at sunset—as another day comes to an end—when our minds are crowded with issues that have never before haunted us in recent past. If life is about planning our future, then Republicans have actually forced us to juggle scarce family income to pay the bills. And the juggling gets nastier when we begin paying for the \$2.3 billion power plant up ahead

Paralysis in paradise

Meeting family obligations is the most troubling and paralyzing feat these days. It's ruined by the wrongful investment of trust that steadily changed into sending the multitude to languish in the sea of misery. With "trust" turned into a trashed centerpiece, is there hope for the future of our people and children?

Definitely, we will not stand for anymore of this administration's polished deceit. The governor may have come out of the impeachment controversy a victor. But he and Republican cohorts can't evade the unpleasant questions that still must be answered forthwith, inherent under Resolution 17-111. Pushing chronic and persistent pathology of deceit can't morph into truth. Someone once said, "Lies go around the world before truth could put on its boots."

The persistent deceit matters to each of us. Thus our once passive abandon has shifted significantly into a serious and mounting sentiment of discontent that has started brewing into a super storm! We

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aren't ready for more deceit, negligence and incompetence. Not after the betrayal of trust that viciously slaughtered hope for posterity.

Republicans self-destruct

Republicans have summarily quashed the impeachment resolution, politically. While relishing its success, it equally knows that its grossly faulty decision is viewed significantly negatively in the court of public opinion.

It set in irreversible motion the perfect recipe for self-destruction, no matter how you splice or dice it. In brief, it netted grand fiasco of epic proportions it'll never rebuild for decades to come.

How this and other collateral issues play up in the impending midterm election remains to be seen. It won't be the Valley Forge for those who tried to resuscitate impeachment. But it definitely would deal and haunt Republicans beginning this November.

Its grossly misguided action is littered with their bloody footprints trailing back to Wednesday, 17 of October 2012 when it decided it's okay for our people to pay \$40,000 each in additional taxes for 25 years. It's elf-destruction, pure and simple!

A costly decision

Appalling the strange and delayed reaction from anti-impeachment lawmakers. There was the nervous acceptance that they crushed a measure that literally cemented approval of a new power plant that would in total cost taxpayers some \$2.3 billion. More specifically, it would cost every child, man, and woman about \$40,000 in additional taxes for 25 years, excluding what we pay in fees and taxes today.

The mystery of the \$190 million power plant was in the clever veiling of its cumulative cost of \$2.3 billion. No wonder that even the AG's office tiptoed out of the deal without a word after identifying 71 anomalous concerns.

Is this why there was a concerted effort to ensure the former AG isn't served the penal summons? Is ascertaining his absence a sure ticket to putting the controversy to closure or would taxpayers continue insisting for another impeachment to clear the air once and for all? Interesting too how the special committee had to endure speechless and servile robotic police officers during the hearing.

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Friendly ghosts

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hile you're picking out your costume for this weekend's Halloween parties, I'll glance at the responses to this week's Opinion Meter poll in the *Tribune*. Here's the big question: "Do you believe in ghosts?"

As of yesterday morning, 57 percent answered "yes." That's 73 out of 129 votes, the remaining votes being "no" or "undecided." Results are still rolling in.

That 57 percent is almost twice the national average of 31 percent, the latter based on a survey by Rasmussen Reports in 2011. So, based on the data so far, *Saipan Tribune* readers seem more receptive to the notion of ghosts than the U.S. population in general.

Before I proceed, I'll poke you in the chest with the slobbery end of my cigar and mention that I've got no opinion of my own to sell on this stuff. Whatever you believe is cool with me. I'm just getting in the Halloween spirit this year, which is more a testimony to my sub-par time management skills than anything else.

So, in last week's column, in true October fashion, I related three ghostly encounters that people told me about from their

personal experiences.

Well, as it turns out, the U.S. mainland has been abuzz with talk of the great beyond. This comes courtesy of a book that was released just this week. The title is *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife*.

The book was written by Eben Alexander III, a Harvard-educated neurosurgeon (published by Simon & Schuster, 208 pages, the paperback lists for \$15.99).

The book's release was preceded by a lively flood of media ink, including the cover of the Oct. 15 issue of *Newsweek* magazine. So it had legs before it was even walking, and as of yesterday the book stood at No. 6 on the Amazon bestsellers list.

Anyway, here's the gig: Dr. Alexander was felled by meningitis, which landed him in a coma. As he was languishing near death he reports various experiences that are of the heavenly variety.

Judging from the excerpts, the descriptions are dramatic and detailed. He describes meeting a woman with "high cheekbones and deep-blue eyes," and he and the woman are "riding along on the wing of a butterfly...In fact, millions of butterflies were all around us..."

I'm not going to dig into it further; you can do that if you want. The notion of straddling both worlds, and returning to this one with insights into the other one, is, of course, not a new theme. But since this book is written by someone with weighty credentials (Harvard M.D. and so on) much of the public appeal is surely the credibility that such credentials confer on the author's narrative and outlook.

When I was a kid in the 1970s a popular book was *Life After Life*, which, as I recall, related various accounts of people who were on death's doorstep and reported various experiences that were offered as evidence of an afterlife. Author Raymond Moody, M.D., says on his website that the book has sold over 13

million copies. Egads, I knew it was popular, but I had no idea it was that popular.

These are, of course, serious books, and probably read by people who have some serious questions to ponder. But not all treatments of supernatural subjects are ponderous, which is plain to see from Halloween.

Halloween has a weird way of mixing the ghostly and macabre with the fun and frivolous. That's got to be one of the world's most incongruent blends.

The light-hearted angle of supernatural themes has long been a staple of America's biggest conceptual mirror: entertainment. For example, Casper the Friendly Ghost was indeed, a friendly little fellow, and he was a favorite comic book character when I was a kid.

And the movie *Ghostbusters*, a comedy, was a big hit in 1984. It reportedly cost \$30 million to produce and raked in \$291.6 million in sales globally.

Moving from ghosts to witches, a TV sitcom called *Bewitched* was very popular, with an original run from 1964 to 1972, but with a legacy of popularity that lived for decades. It put a twist on the normal suburban married couple theme since the wife was a witch. But she was a charming and pretty witch, smart and well-poised.

So, overall, we seem to have a heck of a wide range of outlooks on the supernatural. On one hand, there are the deadly serious questions dealing with mortality and all that goes, or doesn't go, with it. And on the other hand we have laugh-track TV sitcoms.

Halloween combines it all, I suppose. But the reasons people ponder such stuff are with us all year around. So, what's really behind the mortal mask? Alas, that's not my department, so I've got nothing to say. But if you'll kindly just drop some candy in my bag I'll be on my way. Thanks.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One lousy idea after another

couple of days ago Felicidad Ogumoro pre-filed House Bill 17-320 that would impose a tax on a variety of foods and beverages. Her aim, she said, was to encourage people to eat more healthy foods, but her list included olive oil and sardines, which *are* healthy.

Regardless of the merit of getting people to eat more sensibly, the bottom line is that those who can least afford to pay the tax will be hardest hit, since the consumer always ends up getting the shaft. Most people with a brain agree that canned meat is unhealthy, but there was no mention of white rice, which is also a health risk and contributes to obesity.

It is just a bad idea, regardless of intentions. If she truly wants to raise revenue for the Commonwealth, I have some suggestions at the end

Eli Cabrera also came forward with a lousy idea. This would raise the hotel tax on tourists from 10 percent to 15 percent. The money, he said would go to some worthy institutions and to the general fund.

We should not be taxing tourists any more. We should be hugging them and expressing gratitude that they came to the CNMI and not Guam, or some other destination. To raise the tax is to slap them all in their faces. These people are cash cows, and we need them to

keep coming here.

Even if Ogumoro's and Cabrera's bills pass, they are only a trickle of income when a flood is needed. Part of the problem is the chronic shortsightedness that prevails here as good ideas. But what can one expect from those without experience in strategic planning? The above initiatives indicate that they really have no clue.

If these people want to improve the cash flow in the CNMI, here are some suggestions.

Governments that are well-run employ people who know what they are doing. They plan for the future: for the short-term, the long-term, and for contingencies—such as a natural disaster. By careful financial planning, shortfalls can be mitigated if not avoided altogether.

Because the government of the CNMI has been mismanaged for such a long time, we are now reaping the harvest of having amateurs in government. Every institution is failing; we can't drink the tap water; many of the roads are lousy and without lights, and there is no money to fix anything. This is classic mismanagement.

It is apparent that some of the lawmakers have good intentions. They want the CNMI to succeed, to have a thriving hospital, power plant, and happy citizens. But good intentions will not solve the problems; only professionals who can get things squared away for sustainable economic growth can do this.

Recently, a team of consultants was retained to help fix the mess at the hospital. This is what was needed long ago, and this is what is needed—on a greater scale—to address the problems of the Commonwealth.

In the meantime, lawmakers, consider the following:

■ Abolish Article XII. This would pave the way for new businesses and opportunities for foreign investment. But, if you do abol-

ish it, don't turn around and slam the new arrivals with some New Business Tax, which is the kind of goofy thing that lawmakers here do. Let people come in and start a business. Let people buy land for homes. If you want to preserve certain untouchable areas for the Chamorro people, this would be wise. Keep the government out of it until it's time for the businesses to start paying taxes.

■ Petition the DHS/USCIS for improved status for alien workers. They are the backbone of the working class and they need a break. To think that local workers will make beds at the Hyatt is naïve in the extreme. It has been tried, and they won't make beds or wash dishes—but the Chinese and Filipino people will. New businesses will need workers; your job is to help them.

■ Third, everyone knows that the government is way too big and that there are many non-essential people drawing paychecks. This is because they are someone's niece or nephew, and not because of an appropriate resume. These people have to be weaned off the government teat and into the private sector. The abolition of Article 12 and the influx of new business will have the potential to create new jobs, especially in the tourism, agriculture, and service industries.

That is why it is important to hire professionals who know what they are doing. They can help salvage what's left of the CNMI and create long-term and short-term plans for sustained economic growth. That is what we need. We do not need a tax on sardines.

It is not my intention to insult the lawmakers. Many of them have good intentions and, occasionally, good ideas. But the majority have vast egos coupled with towering cluelessness. That is why we are in the mess we are in, and that is why we need professionals.

Russ Mason Oleai, Saipan

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This and other issues were placed in the dumpster and blatantly ignored by the combined GOP leadership. As such, hardship drips daily from the lips of our people. It makes for a tough sale to retain GOP political hegemony or control of the landscape this mid-term election. We shall see how governance issues its verdict this November.

Sea of Hopelessness

Governance is fed up with the retardant or "do-nothing" performance of this administration, especially on economic recovery. Its abysmal disposition on major issues has brought down the entire curtain of misery, hardship, and distrust. Thus most folks have to endure uncertainty as they go about their daily routine. There's nothing but dystopia—where nothing works—and hopelessness.

Our people have dug down deep into their conscience and treasured possessions to find out where they went wrong or what priced possession could they dispose for survival. When they hunker down hoping for miracle from divine providence, then it becomes crystal clear that the navel of trust where they drink water has gone completely dry. Each is hurt and hurt badly by the economic incompetence of this administration.

A lot have set their eyes on relocation where there are greener pastures or something or other. How sad, though, the tranquility of home changed into a miserable hellhole. Is this the lame vision and legacy of the Republican majority, including piling up billions of dollars in debt for posterity, one of which is the \$2.3-billion power plant deal?

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and potentially perilous move by the Obama administration, which says the report isn't true.

As the Bush administration's chief Iran negotiator, former undersecretary of state R. Nicholas Burns, told *The Times* negotiations make sense. "What are we going to do instead? Drive straight into a brick wall called war in 2013, and not try to talk to them?"

The regional consequences of a war with Iran would be horrific. Iran's proxies would surge forth to sow mayhem. Oil shipping through the Strait of Hormuz would probably shut down, leading to shortages and global economic catastrophe. There is no guarantee

that other nuclear powers, such as India, Pakistan, China and Russia, would support the United States. A broader international conflict of world-war proportions isn't hard to envision.

So, yes, the two absolutely should talk directly. But that must not be confused by Tehran as signaling a collapse of the international resolve that has led to unprecedented harsh economic sanctions. Nor can negotiations become another tool for Iran to keep stalling as it proceeds with bomb-capable enrichment activities.

Direct talks must establish unequivocally that international sanctions will only get worse if Iran doesn't show immediate, full compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions and its obligations as a signatory to the 1970 Nonproliferation Treaty. Enrichment efforts and nuclear-capable ballistic missile development must cease, as the Security Council requires.

It is crucial that the United States establish a clear timetable of compliance, and that until Iran complies, sanctions not ease. Iran must have no doubt that its currency crisis, inflation, worsening shortages and rising domestic political tensions are only a taste of the pain to come. The talks should establish that Iran's only hope of avoiding more pain—and war—is to stop stalling and start complying.

Direct talks can and should help rebuild trust and defuse tensions. The Bush administration tried direct talks before, in 2007. Yet relations wound up only getting worse, in large part because Iran failed to honor its commitments. This time, the onus must be on Iran to demonstrate transparency, goodwill and a genuine desire to avoid war.

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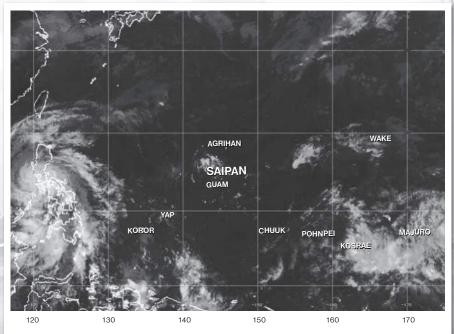
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Denying reality

Hunter understand?

We followed the process of an impeachment resolution. We followed the law. The House had its say. And the impeachment didn't go through. Our popularly elected leaders in the House told Glen "no." They did what their constituents—who overwhelmingly support the governor—told them to do. But Glen just won't stop.

Mr. Hunter has been grandstanding about Governor Fitial's impeachment for years now. Glen and his group had their day in the sun, and their wild accusations and theories were

What part of "no" can't Glen put to the test by our Legislature. And now that Glen's way has been rejected, we want to move on, for our common good and solving our real problems. Everyone except Glen wants to move on, that is.

Glen's letter rehashes the same stories the CNMI's citizens, especially we NMDs, have already rejected. And like the worst kind of invader, Glen tries to pit brother against brother, trying to break indigenous family allegiances that have lasted centuries, and will likely outlive Glen. In our house, brothers stand together. Maybe not in Glen's house.

Bon voyage, adios, and welcome

On behalf OFW's on Saipan, Tinian and Rota we would like to say bon voyage and adios to all Philippine Consulate General officers and staff. Your generosity as public servants in addressing overseas Filipino workers' concerns in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marian Islands will remain in our hearts and minds.

For those of us who are still on the islands for the time being or until 2014, let us join hands as we bid goodbye to the entire Philippine Consulate staff. Leaving us behind is not the end of our dreams and hopes but rather it will make us stronger, self sufficient and more independent.

The consulate leaves us behind with no one to turn to in the CNMI. We are left alone to face and fight the uncertainties, with the struggling economy and dwindling foreign workers' employment. We faced these with the consulate side by side in the past three years and now we will face it within ourselves without the dedicated consular staff. We've exerted efforts to prevent the consulate closure, for at least to maintain a skeletal force of five staff, but we failed to achieve it. What more can we say and ask for?

Adios, goodbye, and God bless each and everyone at the Philippine Consulate General and likewise with open arms, we welcome the Philippine Consulate General from Guam.

To the Guam Consular Staffers, we welcome you with pride, with hope and pray that, in the words of Congen Bayani Mangibin of Guam: "There is a challenge to provide services to the Filipino community in the CNMI to the best of our ability to make them feel that we did not turn our backs on them, given the closure of the Saipan consulate and the remoteness of Guam to the Northern Marianas. The most important thing is not presence but commitment—commitment on the part

of the Guam consulate to serve the Filipinos in the Northern Marianas and commitment from the Filipino community itself to make this possible. Through this commitment, we can alleviate the apprehensions of one another and we hope to adequately provide service to the people here.'

Sir, with your promising statement above, we expect to feel that we are not alone in the CNMI. Rest assured that we will support you to the best of our ability, knowledge, and with the meager resources we have. I would like to take this opportunity to request for consular services in the CNMI for at least three times a year or every four months of each calendar year to visit Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. This schedule would enable us to process important documents that need your personal presence.

To the CNMI Philippine Consulate staffers, rest assured that your legacy in the field of public service on this beautiful islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will always be on our minds. OFW's in the Northern Mariana Islands are surely very grateful of the kindness and generosity you've extended to us. Your accomplishment in taking care of OFW's will always be within our hearts and thoughts.

Bon voyage to everyone on your way back home to our beloved country, the Philippines, and best wishes to your new assignments and chosen country to work and live. On behalf of the Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers and Architects, (MAFEA), Bicol Association, (Bianmi, Inc.), and of the OFW Support Group (OSG) in the Northern Mariana Islands, we will always remember you as good friends and outstanding public servants.

Mabuhay and mabalos to ev-

Carlito J. Marquez Puerto Rico, Saipan

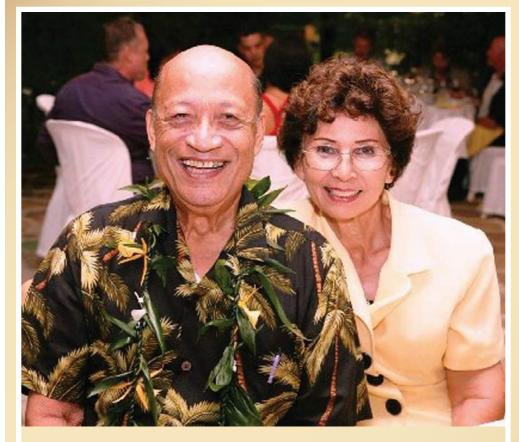
We do understand that Glen stands with his "other half," Tina Sablan, but why should the people of the CNMI suffer because of one man's grandstanding and showboating for his "other half's" benefit?

And why should one man, Glen Hunter, be able to decide the CNMI's future? "Back on track"...whose track, the people's or Glen's? The people's representatives in the House (of Representatives) have already spoken. If only a minority of the people agree with Glen, should that minority be allowed to rule the majority? Glen talks about 'future steps" that he will not live to see—is he fantasizing about replacing the CNMI's culture, traditions, and history with his own?

Glen says that the vote was "a simple choice between what is right and what is wrong." And Glen's side is the one that's right, right?

We already have a process for deciding what's right and wrong and what's the people's will. We followed this process. And the result came loud and clear: Governor Fitial remains our governor, and Glen's accusations are baseless. Now that we've gone through this exercise, will Glen join the rest of us at the table and move forward in helping the CNMI, or will he continue denying reality?

Carmen DLG Sablan Dan Dan, Saipan



Rita and I are asking all our families and friends to please vote for Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan on November 6. He's done a great job representing us in Congress and we should take advantage of his willingness to work hard for the CNMI and its people.

> Thank you, Dave and Rita Sablan Papago, Saipan



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Winners named in Bud Light's Bahamas vacation giveaway

Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc. has named Peter B. Sablan and Michelle Lin Sablan as the lucky grand prize winners of the Bud Light Port Paradise Music Festival Flyaway.

With every Bud Family 12pack cans or buckets purchase at participating stores on Saipan, residents entered for a chance to win a trip of a lifetime to the Bahamas. Prize package includes a roundtrip ticket for the winner and a guest, ship accommodations for four days and three nights, all-inclusive food and beverage and admission to a 2-day exclusive concert to a private island in the Bahamas.

"The Bud Light Port Paradise Music Festival Flyaway was created to express our gratitude to the residents of Saipan for their continued support of and loyalty to Budweiser products", said



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tom Shimizu, general manager, Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc.

The 2-day Music Festival feature performances much-awaited artists like Pitbull, Far East Movement, Flo Rida, Brad Paisley, All American Rejects, and the Young Giant.

Budweiser is sold in more than 80 countries around the world through its partnerships with international brewers or through independent distributors. It is the flagship brand of Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest brewer.

As the best-selling beers in Guam and on Saipan, Budweiser and Bud Light are associated with high quality, integrity and, most importantly, responsibility. Budweiser and Bud Light are proudly distributed on Saipan by Marpac. (Marpac)

Three NMHC subdivisions hurdle REAC's inspections

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Three of the four subdivisions under the Section 8 program of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. passed the Real Estate Assessment Center inspection conducted last month by a visiting inspector from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Jesse Palacios, corporate director for NMHC, informed the board during yesterday's meeting that REAC inspector William Wong inspected Mihaville, Koblerville, and the Tinian subdivision.

The HUD website states that REAC's mission is to provide and promote the use of accurate, timely and reliable information assessing the condition of HUD's portfolio; to provide information to help ensure safe, decent and affordable housing; and to identify fraud, abuse and waste of HUD resources.

"We're happy to report that all the three inspected properties have passed inspection," Palacios told the board.

Palacios revealed that out of the 100-point system, both Koblerville and Mihaville scored have a competition by island to 88 while the Tinian subdivision racked up a 97 mark.

Bryan Bocago, acting manager for NMHC's Program and Housing Division, told the board that the REAC inspection involved assessing the housing property for health, safety, and fire hazards.

Bocago noted that one unit was cited for a smoke detector that was not functioning at the time of the inspection.

"The smoke detector was just loose. We simply had to put it back," he said.

Another unit, Bocago said, was cited for an expired fire extinguisher that was in plain sight during the inspection. He said the tenant had already been notified to update the expired fire extinguisher and to store it within the housing premises.

The corporate director said Wong was not able to include the Rota subdivision in the inspection because of the flight situation in the southern island, adding that the Rota inspection will coincide possibly with the Guam inspection next month.

Marcie M. Tomokane, NMHC board chair, commended the agency staff for receiving good ratings in the inspection. She suggested that the agency should encourage continued good ratings for every inspection.

EMO warns of high surf until tonight

The Emergency Management Office cautioned beachgoers yesterday to avoid exposed beaches and reefs until 6pm tonight due to high surf and dangerous rip currents.

In a high surf advisory issued yesterday, EMO said that moderate trade winds and combined seas of 7 to 8 feet are expected until Friday. Winds and seas are expected to slowly diminish over the weekend and early next week.

The high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Friday along north facing reefs.

"Surf will be hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs... Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels by Friday evening," the advisory states.

The public and mariners are strongly urged to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs as rip currents are hazardous. (EMO)



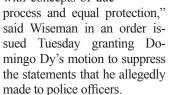
'Police should heighten its standards in interrogating non-English speaking suspects'

The Department of Public Safety must heighten its standards when interrogating suspects who have limited English-speaking skills to ensure full compliance with due process and equal protection requirements, according to Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman

He said there has been a continuing trend in the last few decades recognizing those with Limited English Proficiency, known as "LEP," and their partial or complete exclusion from

full participation in court proceedings.

"Allowing viduals to proceed through the system of justice without a complete comprehension of the proceedings because of a language barrier is inconsistent with concepts of due



Wiseman

Dy, a 50-year-old landscaper, is facing charges of allegedly directing a 6-year-old girl to touch his privates. The suspect allegedly told police he was merely joking and that she never actually touched him.

Wiseman said that equal protection requires LEP's to be placed in the same position as similarly situated persons who have no language barrier.

Wiseman said the circumstances in Dy's case shows that the suspect lacked the comprehension required to waive his Miranda rights.

Benjamin K. Petersburg, who represents Dy, said his client, a Filipino with limited ability to speak English, was jailed for nearly 10 hours before being interviewed.

Petersburg said that when Dy was interviewed by a detective at 9:30pm on March 22, 2012, the interview was not preceded by Miranda warnings.

The following day, March 23, at 5pm, the same detective returned to the Department of Corrections with a typewritten statement and asked Dy to sign it, said the defense counsel.

Petersburg noted that at the

time of the interview at DOC, Dy told the detective his limited ability to speak and understand English.

Despite this, the lawyer said, no interpreter was used and no Miranda warnings were

given in Tagalog.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll argued that, applying a totality of the circumstances analysis, Dy voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waived his rights and made statements to the police.

Driscoll said the two police officers at the crime scene did not arrest Dy but merely asked him to talk to about what had happened the previous evening.

Wiseman said he finds police detective Jason Tarkong to be an extremely credible witness and harbors no doubt that proper procedure was followed in his interview of Dy.

Wiseman said he found no evidence to dispute Tarkong's testimony or to support Dy's contentions that he was not ad-Assistant public defender vised of his rights until the day

the typewritten statement and the rights advisement form were backdated. "Further testimony estab-

lished that no such backdating occurred and that defendant was advised of his rights in a timely manner," he said.

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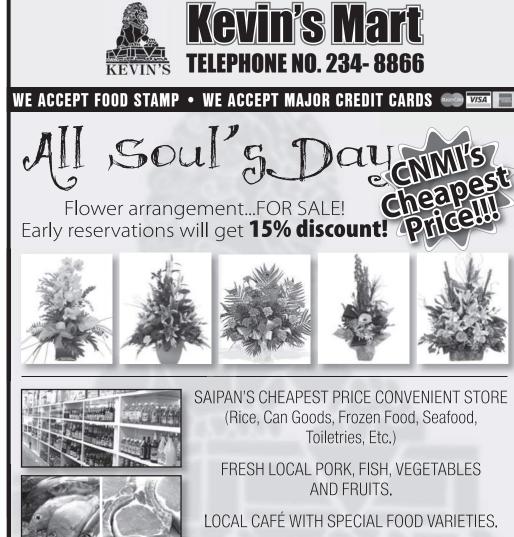
Wiseman said no coercion was present in the detective's interrogation.

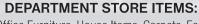
Under the circumstances, however, Wiseman said, there appears to be a lack of communication due to Dy's limited English proficiency.

The noted that Dy's testimony and demeanor on the witness stand demonstrated that he may possess the ability to communicate in what is referred to as "broken English," which may be adequate for casual conversation, but inadequate for more technical discussions.

"The waiver of Miranda rights necessarily entails the usage of complex legal language that even native English speakers may have trouble comprehending," Wiseman said.

Wiseman said that Tarkong's assessment of Dy's English proficiency was based on his training and years of experience in communicating with individuals with limited English-speaking capabilities in his line of work.





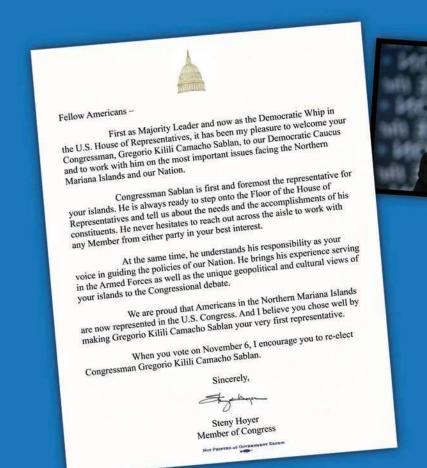
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VA plans to expand Guam clinic in 2014

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has announced plans to expand its Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Guam, according to a statement issued yesterday by the office of Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU). She said the VA intends to include funding for the Guam clinic in its construction budget request for fiscal year 2014.

The VA announced this plan in its response to Bordallo's letter to VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, following up on his May 2011 trip to Guam.

"I am pleased that the VA is fulfilling its commitment to our local veteran community by taking steps to improve the Community-Based Outpatient Clinic [in] Guam," said Bordallo. "The plan to include this project in the VA's forthcoming budget request for fiscal year 2014 is a direct result of a meeting between our local veterans and Secretary Shinseki in May 2011, during which they raised their concerns about the size of the facility. I also raised this issue with Secretary Shinseki during a meeting in my Washington, D.C., office on June 29, 2012. The expansion of the clinic will enable the clinic to accommodate more patients and staff. I look forward to the President's Budget Request for fiscal year 2014 and I will continue to work to include this project in the budget."

"It is critical that we continue to support our veterans long after they return home from serving our country. I commend Secretary Shinseki and the Obama Administration for their continued commitment to our veterans, and for ensuring that they receive the benefits and services that are commensurate with their service and sacrifice for our country." (PR)

Tinian school elects 'governor, lieutenant governor'

REPORTER

Students at Tinian Elementary School elected a new set of officers for this year and named their two highest officials "governor" and "lieutenant governor" in a bid to given their students a real-life experience of the voting process.

Sixth-grader Kianalin Lizama got the overwhelming support of her peers and was named last week as the school's new governor, while Hannah Biton, also a sixth-grader, was elected lieutenant governor.

The two officers, along with members of the "Legislature," were sworn into office by Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz and members of the Tinian Legislative Delegation headed by chair Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

In their speeches, both Lizama and Biton shared their plans for

the school year, which include improving the students' reading skills by having read-alouds in the primary grade, encouraging students to borrow more books from the library, and engaging in "Drop Everything and Read" time before or after their break.

They will also focus on campus beautification by encouraging a weekly campus cleanup every Friday, promoting physical activity through weekly walks around the school's perimeter fence, and daily physical activities. Each of them reiterated the importance of encouraging students to pay more attention in class and to stop fooling around. They hope to do this through the "Virtues Project," which is the school's character education program.

School principal Dionne B. Santos told Saipan Tribune that the students participated in the annual election of officers for



The newly elected members of the Tinian Elementary School Student Government Organization gather for a group photo during their recent induction ceremony on campus.

the Student Government Orga-

nization in September

They went through a voter's registration process and student candidates had to file their intent to run for office and hold a campaign.

Santos said 87 percent of the student body registered to vote before the election on Oct. 12.

The students elected 14 student leaders representing their respective grade-levels in the "House of Representatives," seven representing their gradelevels in the "Senate," a "mayor," "lieutenant governor," and "governor" who represent the entire student body.

Last Friday, students, teacher,

parents, and guests witnessed the newly elected student leaders inducted into office.

In her opening remarks, Santos addressed the purpose of the student government organization by relating it to Tinian Elementary School's vision that "Upon leaving Tinian Elementary School, all students will be responsible, resourceful, and ready."

She explained that students are expected to make responsible and sound decisions, be resourceful to cultivate the means to achieve their goals, and ultimately be ready with the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for the next level.

"It is the goal of the Student Government Organization to prepare our youth for leadership roles and responsibilities in the 21st century," she said.

Board of Education representative Lucia Blanco-Maratita reiterated the "3Rs" in the school's vision (responsible, resourceful, and ready). She explained that, as student leaders, their jobs are not necessarily to tell people what to do but, more importantly, they need to be good listeners and lead by example.





CPA SAYS MAJOR PROJECTS ON TRACK

Runway rehab 65 pct. complete; new ARFF facility underway

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Two major projects of the Commonwealth Ports Authority are on track with their target completion dates, according to executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

The airport runway rehabilitation at the Francisco C. Ada/

Saipan International Airport and the construction of a state-of-the-art ARFF facility on Saipan are both fully funded by the Federal Aviation Administration through its airport improvement program.

Although the runway rehabilitation had some setbacks in the initial stages of the project, Deleon Guerrero said the undertaking is now about 65 percent complete. He said the contractor is working with the construction manager and CPA to get things done in a timely manner.

CPA targets to complete the project in May 2013. Guam Pacific Power Corp. Inc. is the contractor for the project.

As of July, the project's cost already totaled \$32 million. Work began in 2009 but construction was interrupted in March this year and just resumed in August due to some concerns uncovered during construction. The main runway is already over 25 years old.

For the ARFF training facility improvement, Deleon Guerrero said the project is now in the design phase. CPA expects to issue the final notice to proceed for site work and demolition by middle to late next month. He said construction is projected for com-

pletion by January 2014.

Saipan Tribune learned that this project includes, among other things, installation of a new simulated aircraft fire trainer, rehabilitation of the existing burn pit, construction of a new control tower and burn building, and improvements to all associated underground utilities, including piping, pumps, tanks, and electrical work.

The project cost is approximately \$15 million, all funded by FAA.

Water problem at airport

Deleon Guerrero, in a statement yesterday, also explained the recent water outage at the Saipan airport.

He said CPA provided an update to all airport tenants notifying them of the resolution of the water shortage, which required CPA to place portable restrooms around the airport.

"With the 40-year-old facility, many of the pipes and valves were leaking, which affected the airport's water supply. CPA

and [the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] worked diligently to seek out the leaks and took immediate corrective action. CPA also has worked out an arrangement with CUC to provide a secondary water supply during

times when there are problems with the designated water well for the airport. CPA thanked all the tenants for their understanding, patience, and cooperation during that unfortunate period," said Deleon Guerrero.

Seatbelt, child restraint checkpoints on Sat.

The Department of Public Safety's Police and Traffic divisions will conduct seatbelt and child restraint checkpoints on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The first setup is from 1:30pm to 2:45pm, in Garapan along Chalan Pale' Arnold by the cockfight arena.

The second setup is from 4:30pm to 5:45pm, along Chalan Pale' Arnold in Puerto Rico by the U.S. Army Reserve.

Statistics compiled by DPS have shown that from the month of January to July 2012, there were a total of 266 motorists cited for seatbelt violations.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (one hour and

15 minutes).

This activity is part of DPS' effort to deter, detect, and apprehend violators, and to ensure all vehicle occupants are wearing proper restraining devices, seatbelts, or car seats.

In addition, traffic and highway patrol officers will be conducting high visibility enforcement and laser speed enforcement.

Drivers cited for not wearing seatbelts totaled 155, drivers cited for child restraint offenses totaled 13, and drivers cited for having passengers with no restraint were at 98.

For more information, contact Sgt. Vicente H. Sablan at 664-9001. (DPS)

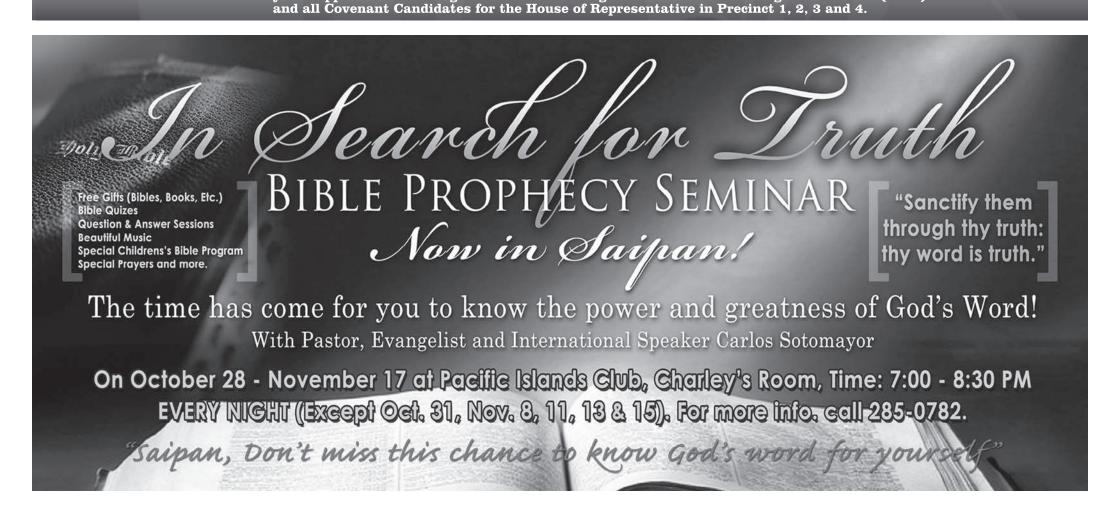
Free workshop on parole-in-place applications

(MLSC)

Micronesian Legal Service Corp.'s Marianas office will be hosting two workshops to help people prepare extensions for parole-in-place applications. The first workshop is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28, at 1pm and the second one will be at 3pm on the same day.

It is only for those that have already been granted humanitarian parole and need to extend. Although MLSC will conduct the workshop to help people understand the process, no individual legal advice will be given. Each workshop will be conducted in English, each workshop is limited by the capacity of the auditorium at the American Memorial Park. If there is no auditorium seats available, the session will be closed. For more information call 234-6243 or 234-7729.





'A celebration of long years of friendship'

REPORTER

Over 100 students from Grace Christian Academy and Japan's Yokosuka Gakuin High School marked another memorable experience with a celebration of their long years of friendship.

GCA welcomed yesterday 77 visiting high school students who spent their whole day on campus enjoying fun-filled activities with their counterparts.

GCA principal Marsha Owens described yesterday's cultural exchange as another milestone for the

Students from GCA and Japan's Yokosuka Gakuin High School gather for a souvenir photo at the end of their annual cultural exchange program on island.

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is key to building connections. In her third year participating in the program, she has nothing but praises for the benefits it has brought her as a student and as an individual.

Like every visit in the past, Mamaril said she offered the visiting students a souvenir item that will always remind them about the island. Yesterday, she gave her counterparts Saipan's special "bojobo dolls."

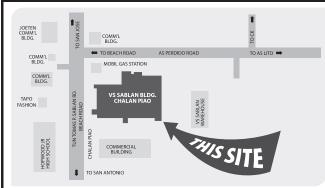
Mamaril said the exchange is more than knowing each other's culture but also a good opportunity to promote the islands as a tourist destination.

Terence Ho, a senior student at GCA, shared how he enjoyed the interactions he had with the visitors.

Ho and Mamaril joined other students in performing a Japanese song for their visitors yesterday.

During the closing ceremonies, one of the visiting Japanese students-Otsujio Sae-shared with the crowd the school's appreciation to their "GCA Family" for being so hospitable since the start.

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program, which is on its seventh year now.

Led by teacher Kato Masaki, the visiting group was welcomed by the host-students with the islands' hafa adai dance. Cooking lessons on some local staples were shared with the Japanese visitors, who also got a chance for some indoor sports with their GCA "buddies."

According to Owens, the cultural exchange's objective is to build and strengthen the friendship among and between the students. It is her hope that each and every participant learns something from their counterparts that will promote better understanding and appreciation of each other's culture and traditions.

The Japanese students also attended some classes with GCA students such as Math, Bible class, and English.

For GCA senior student Angela Mamaril, the exchange program





Above, a group of Japanese students from Yokosuka Gakuin High School are all smiles as they enjoy yesterday's activities at Grace Christian Academy.

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Left. local students from GCA surprise their visiting counterparts from Japan yesterday with a Japanese song

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Island Snapshots



ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE

Attorney general nominee Joey Patrick San Nicolas, third from right, calls in members of his family for a group photo with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, second from left, and other government officials and friends on Tuesday afternoon in the governor's conference room, after the governor made an announcement about his AG nominee.



TOHA DONATION

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Toha Super Market's president/general manager Mir Mahabobur Rahman, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Sinapalo Elementary School principal Daisy Quitugua. The donation was made through the government's Education Tax Credit program.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Belated happy birthday to our Monsta Gail, Maegan Myahia T. Basaliso, who's graduating toddlerhood and entering the Dudu's World. It's your day to dance, sing, laugh, cry, and enjoy all the things the world has to offer you. You are blessed with a lot of loves, hugs, and kisses. Greetings come from the Aguas and Chaketa familias.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Joaquin Anthony Saralu! On your special day we want you to know how wonderful it is having a son like you. Wishing you all the happiness life can bring. We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Jacky, Adela, Lynneisha, and the family.

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Happy 12th birthday to Peyton Gomez! God bless you on your special day! Love, Dad, Gigi, and family.

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A mass rally sponsored by concerned citizens for clean government will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3: 00 p.m. at Minachom Atdao pavilion.

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Business

Bailout, layoffs: New pain ahead for EU carmakers

PARIS (AP)—The extent of at IHS Automotive. "It speaks to the European car industry's troubles was laid bare Wednesday, when France's government tossed a financial lifeline to the continent's No. 2 automaker, Peugeot Citroen, and Ford said it would shut a plant in Belgium, cutting 9,500 jobs.

Experts France's say (EURO)7 billion (\$9.1 billion) bailout, a three-year loan guarantee, represents a desperate attempt to avoid the sort of layoffs that companies like Ford are slowly accepting as inevitable.

The problem is the region's carmakers are selling too few cars in Europe, where the financial crisis has caused demand to dry up, and have too many factories. Even Germany's automakers, which had weathered the economic downturn relatively well, are not immune.

"The actions that should have been taken three years ago are starting to be put into place," said Tim Urqhart, senior analyst the gravity of the situation and the seriousness of where things are."

bailout, France's Socialist government asked for greater influ-

In return for the Peugeot ence at the carmaker, including a government position and



Ford workers react after the European Ford management announced it would close the Ford plant in Genk, Belgium on Wednesday Oct. 24, 2012.

help it avoid job cuts at a time when unemployment is stuck above 10 percent.

"My government has no intention of just giving, of offering a gift without anything in return," Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said on French radio station France Inter.

Peugeot, which says layoffs are key if the carmaker is to recover, faces a Nov. 15 deadline in its negotiations with the government over how to handle job losses.

It's the first French intervention in the industry since a (EURO)6 billion loan package to Peugeot Citroen and Renault in 2008-

supervisory board. That would 2009 when the economy was reeling from a financial crisis that triggered a global recession.

> But the European car industry didn't undergo the dramatic overhaul that U.S. bailouts prompted among its carmakers. Peugeot Citroen has struggled since, and is especially vulnerable to the downturn in southern Europe, which makes up more than half its sales and shows no signs of emerging soon from widespread debt problems.

Ford, which expects to lose more than \$1 billion a year in Europe, has been pursuing plant closures and layoffs more aggressively.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

American plans to hire **2,500 pilots**

DALLAS (AP)—The CEO of American Airlines said the company expects to hire 2,500 pilots over the next five years as it ramps up international flights. "The new American will be doing even more international flying, providing greater opportunities for career advancement and increased income for our people," AMR Corp. CEO Thomas Horton said Wednesday in a letter to employees. AMR is American's parent company. American currently has about 8,000 active pilots. Horton's letter was issued the same day that American announced it would start new international routes next year. American, which is operating under bankruptcy protection, seeks to capitalize on

growth in international travel. especially among high-fare corporate travelers.

US suit alleges 'brazen' fraud at Countrywide

NEW YORK (AP)—The latest federal lawsuit over alleged mortgage fraud paints an unflattering picture of a doomed lender: Executives at Countrywide Financial urged workers to churn out loans, accepted fudged applications and tried to hide ballooning defaults. The suit, filed Wednesday by the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, also underscored how Bank of America's purchase of Countrywide in July 2008, just before the financial crisis, backfired severely. The prosecutor, Preet Bharara, said he was seeking more than \$1 billion, but the suit could ultimately recover much more in damages. "This lawsuit should send another clear message that reckless lending practices will not be tolerated," Bharara said in a statement. He described Countrywide's practices as "spectacularly brazen in scope."

Volkswagen mulls new midsize SUV for North **America**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— German automaker Volkswagen AG is considering the introduction of a new midsize SUV model for the North American market, and its existing Tennessee plant is a contender for building it. Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn told reporters in New York on Tuesday that a decision on whether to build the new model will be made soon. but probably not before the end of the year. "If we produce the car, Chattanooga would certainly present itself as an option for doing the whole thing," Winterkorn told reporters in German. But he said other locations would also be considered to build the SUV, which would be positioned between VW's existing Tiguan and Touareg models.

Fed cites moderate US growth, takes no new action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two weeks before a U.S. election focused on the economy, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday that its help is still needed to increase growth and lower unemployment.

The Fed took no action after a two-day policy meeting. It wants time to assess whether the aggressive steps it launched in September will help the economy.

Last month, the Fed began mains elevated. buying mortgage bonds to try to push long-term interest rates lower and make home buying more affordable. It also said it planned to keep its benchmark short-term rate near zero through mid-2015.

In a statement Wednesday, the Fed said the U.S. economy is improving moderately. But it said job growth has been slow and the unemployment rate re-

It noted that consumer spending has strengthened slightly and that housing has shown further signs of improvement. Growth in business investment has slowed, though. The Fed said inflation has recently risen slightly because of higher energy prices. But it said inflation over the long run should remain mild.

The Fed's statement was Frequency Economics.

largely expected, and it didn't move stock or bond prices.

"After the big changes in September and the presidential election less than two weeks away, officials were probably happy to make this week's meeting as much of a non-event for markets as possible," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist for High



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Nation

Obama talks 2nd term; Romney zeroes in on economy

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP)— President Barack Obama is confidently predicting speedy second-term agreement with Republicans to reduce federal deficits and overhaul immigration laws, commenting before setting out Wednesday on a 40-hour campaign marathon through battleground states that could decide whether he'll get

the chance. Republican Mitt in Ohio and Iowa. Romney Romney looked to the Midwest for a breakthrough in a close race shadowed by a weak economy.

Romney declared, "We're going to get this economy cooking again," addressing a boisterous crowd in Reno, Nev., before flying back eastward to tend to his prospects

urged audience members to consider their personal circumstances, and he said the outcome of the Nov. 6 election "will make a difference for the nation, will make a difference for the families of the nation and will make a difference for your family, individually and specifically.'

With 13 days until Election Day, opinion polls depicted a close race nationally. Romney's campaign claims momentum as well as the lead in Florida and North Carolina, two battleground states with a combined 44 of the 270 electoral votes needed to

win. Obama's aides insist the president is ahead or tied with his rival in both of those states and in the other seven decisive battlegrounds.

Not even Obama, in an in- new a majority they won two no abortion allowed.



Romney terview with radio host Tom Joyner, predicted that fellow Democrats would win control years ago in a landslide triggered by the tea party.

The Democrats and Republicans are struggling uncertainly for control of the Senate. And for the second time, a hard-fought Senate campaign was jolted by a dispute over abortion, in this case a statement by

Republican Richard Mourdock of Indiana that when a woman becomes pregnant by rape, "that's something God intended" and there should be

NJ teens accused of killing girl showed 2 sides

CLAYTON, N.J. (AP)— Something struck Toni Fiorella whenever she would see a mother from her hometown drop two teenage sons off at the laundromat to do the family's wash. She didn't know them by name, but they were always respectful. Their mother must be on to something, Fiorella thought.

"It's good," she said. "She's making them responsible."

Now, authorities say, those same boys are accused of killing a 12-year-old neighborhood girl and stuffing her body into a recycling bin near their home. Authorities say she was lured with the promise of new parts for the beloved bicycle she was riding before she disappeared.

Some of the 8,000 residents of Clayton saw the boys as Fiorella did, many others as troublesome teens with reputations for stealing bikes. But even some of those who saw a lawless side of the 15- and 17-yearold brothers have a hard time imagining them committing such a violent crime.

Sixteen-year-old Na'eem Williams, who described himself as a close friend of the 15-year-old, said that he knew the brothers to take bicycles but that it was a leap to think them capable of a horrendous crime.

"I know they didn't do nothing like that," he said. "I know they couldn't, especially not with a young girl."

Authorities have not discussed a motive and have not released the names of the brothers because they are charged as juveniles. The Associated Press is withholding them for the same reason.

Deputy Public Defender Jeffrey Wintner said his office was representing both defendants, though a private attorney had been assigned to handle one of the cases. He said the office would have no comment.

The boys were charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the death of Autumn Pasquale, a well-known and well-liked seventh-grader who disappeared Saturday afternoon in the town 25 miles south of Philadelphia. Her body was found Monday night in the recycling bin behind a vacant house next to the boys' home.

Big jump in young adults moving out of state

of the House from Republi-

cans, who are looking to re-

WASHINGTON (AP)—Their on their own to test the job are once again rejiggering the lives on hold for years, young adults are now making big moves in the fledgling economic recovery, leaving college towns or parents' homes and heading out of state at the highest rate since the height of the housing boom. New census data released Thursday offer a detailed look at U.S. migration as mobility begins to revive after sliding to a record low last year.

The latest numbers show that young adults 25-29 are the primary out-of-state movers; they had the biggest gain in 13 years as they struck out market in urban, high-tech meccas such as Washington, D.C.; Denver; Portland, Ore.; Seattle; and Austin, Texas.

In contrast, groups that showed some of the most movement in the housing boom of the last decade (2000-2010) working professionals, families and would-be retirees—are still mostly locked in place, their out-of-state migration levels stuck at near lows due to underwater mortgages and shrunken retirement portfolios.

The demographic shifts, which analysts say could continue for many more years, housing map.

Out are the super-sized Mc-Mansions in far-flung suburbs and in the sprawling Southwest, which helped drive rapid metro area growth in the early to middle part of the last decade in places such as Phoenix; Las Vegas; Orlando, Fla.; and Atlanta. In are new, 300 square-foot "micro" apartments under consideration for wider development in dense cities such as New York, San Francisco. Boston and Seattle, which are seeking to attract young single adults who value affordable spaces in prime locations to call their own.



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Asia

Chinese police offer cash for tips on immolators

heavily Tibetan region of far west China are offering tipsters a reward of \$7,700 for information about planned self-immolations in a bid to stem a wave of fiery protests against Chinese rule.

Since the notice was issued by police in Gansu province's

BEIJING (AP)—Police in a Gannan prefecture on Sunday, two more local Tibetans, a herdsman and a farmer, died after setting themselves on fire near the Labrang Monastery in Gannan.

> Dozens of ethnic Tibetans have set themselves on fire in Gansu, Sichuan province, Ti

bet and other heavily Tibetan regions since March 2011 to protest what activists say is Beijing's heavy-handed rule in the region. Many have called for the return of the Dalai Lama, their exiled spiritual leader.

Gannan police issued a notice saying that people who tip off police about immolation plans will be rewarded 50,000 yuan.

The notice said that people who provide information on the "black hands" who organized four recent self-immolations would be rewarded up to 200,000 yuan (\$30,000).

A photo of the written notice was posted to Twitter on Thursday by the Beijing-based Tibetan writer Woeser.

A Gannan police officer

nouncement. He said that no rewards have been paid out yet and no tips have been reported.

who refused to give his name

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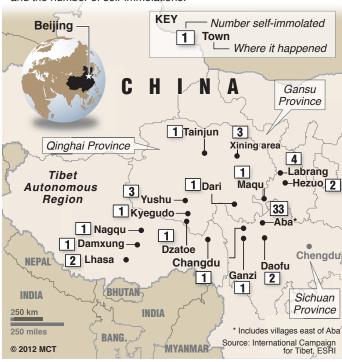
On Monday, a herdsman died in Gannan's Xiahe county near the Labrang Monastery after

self-immolating. A day later, a farmer died after immolating on Xiahe's main street.

Labrang Monastery is one of the most important buildings outside of Tibet, and was the site of numerous protests by monks following deadly ethnic violence in Tibet in 2008 that was the most sustained Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule in decades.

Tibetans' fiery protests

Since 2009, more than 50 Tibetan monks and nuns have set themselves on fire to protest Chinese rule. Map locates the sites and the number of self-immolations:



Japan sees new Chinese actions near disputed isles

TOKYO (AP)—Chinese ships entered waters near a group of disputed islands for the first time in three weeks Thursday, prompting a strong protest from Japan, which says China's air force has also sharply increased its operations in the area.

Japan's Coast Guard said the four Chinese surveillance ships were spotted within a 22-kilometer (12-nautical mile) zone that Tokyo considers its territorial waters near one of the disputed islands in the East China Sea early Thursday morning.

The ships refused to leave, saying the area was Chinese territory, according to Atsushi Takahashi, a spokesman for the Coast Guard's headquarters in Okinawa, which has jurisdiction over the islands. He said it was the first time Chinese ships

had entered the territorial waters since Oct. 3.

Japan's Foreign Ministry lodged a strong protest with China's ambassador in Tokyo.

The naval activity near the uninhabited islands called the Senkaku in Japan and the Diaoyu in China comes after officials from Japan and China held talks last week in Shanghai to discuss the dispute. The dispute has heightened tensions between the nations in recent months.

Chinese ships have been frequenting waters near the islands, also claimed by Taiwan, since Japan's government nationalized them last month, a decision that sparked violent demonstrations across China. The ships have generally kept out of the 22-kilometer zone, however.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Taliban leader says insider attacks will increase

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— Taliban insurgents will increase the number of insider attacks against coalition and Afghan forces, which have resulted in the deaths of at least 52 foreign troops so far this year, the movement's reclusive leader said Wednesday. In an emailed statement congratulating Muslims as they prepare to celebrate the Eid al-Adha holiday, Mullah Mohammad Omar urged "every brave Afghan in the ranks of the foreign forces and their Afghan hirelings ... to strike them." "Jihadist activities inside the circle of the state militias are the most effective stratagem. Its dimension will see further expansion, organization and efficiency," he said. "Increase your efforts to expand the area of infiltration in the ranks of the enemy."

China names new military chief of staff, officers

BEIJING (AP)—China's Defense Ministry says a new army chief of staff has been appointed along with several other top officers in the run-up to next month's national leadership transition. The ministry announced Thursday that Fang Fenghui is taking over as chief administrator of the People's Liberation Army. Fang is a former head of the military region that includes Beijing. Other appointments included new heads of the PLA's political, logistics, and armaments departments, the other three top army staff positions. Several other deputy positions were also announced, and the ministry earlier this week announced a new head of its air force, which has become increasingly vital to China's defense strategy.





World

Syrian rebels warily accept foreign fighters' help

presence of foreign Islamic militants battling Syria's regime is raising concerns over the possible injection of al-Qaida's influence into the country's civil war. Syria's rebels share some of those misgivings. But they also

see in the foreign extremists a

welcome boost: experienced,

disciplined fighters whose

battlefield valor against the

better-armed troops of President

Nothing typifies the dilemma

more than Jabhat al-Nusra, a

shadowy group with an al-Qaida-

style ideology whose fighters

come from Libya, Tunisia, Egypt,

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the Balkans

and elsewhere. Many are veter-

ans of previous wars who came

to Syria for what they consider a

The group has become no-

torious for numerous suicide

bombings during the 19-month-

old conflict targeting regime

and military facilities. Syria's

rebels have tried to disassociate

themselves from the bombings

for fear their uprising will be

tainted with the al-Qaida brand.

from Jabhat al-Nusra—Arabic

for "the Support Front"—have

also been a valued addition

to rebel ranks in the grueling,

three-month battle for control of

Their reputation in battle cir-

culates among Aleppo's rebels

like an urban legend. Soon after

opposition forces launched their

assault on the city in July, govern-

ment troops almost drove them

out of the key district of Salahed-

din—until 40 Jabhat al-Nusra

fighters rushed to the front and

fended them off, according to a story told by many rebels.

The group's fighters have

played a similar role along the

multitude of front lines that di-

vide this city of 3 million peo-

ple, where regime forces and

rebels have been at a standstill,

fighting street to street but un-

able to score a decisive victory.

Many rebels talk of the al-Nusra

rebel lines that come under pres-

sure and hold them," one rebel

said. "They know what they are

doing and are very disciplined.

They are like the special forces

thing is that they are too radi-

cal." He spoke on condition of

anonymity for fear of reprisals

by both Jabhat al-Nusra and the

In a statement posted on mili-

tant websites Wednesday, Jab-

hat al-Nusra rejected a proposed

cease-fire during the four-day

Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday,

which starts Friday. Internation-

al envoy Lakhdar Brahimi has

been trying to cobble together

such a truce, saying the govern-

ment in Damascus and some

But he added: "The only

of Aleppo."

Assad regime.

They rush to the rescue of

fighters' prowess as snipers.

Aleppo, Syria's largest city.

But several hundred fighters

new "jihad" against Assad.

Bashar Assad is legendary.

rebels have agreed to the idea. But Jabhat al-Nusra called

a truce a "filthy game," saying

it has no faith that Assad's regime would respect one. Some Syrian rebel leaders have also

expressed skepticism, since previous cease-fire attempts have gone nowhere.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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to amend Article III. Section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of an Attorney General; and for other purposes

Under the Commonwealth Constitution, the Attorney General is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. House Legislative Initiative 17-2 ("H.L.I. 17-2") proposes to amend the Constitution to provide that the Attorney General be elected by the people, rather than appointed by the Governor. If passed, the current Attorney General would remain in office until his term ends or until he resigns. Thereafter, the Attorney General would be elected by the people at the general election.

According to the legislative findings, the purpose of H.L.I. 17-2 is to allow "the attorney general to function independently ... and be accountable to the people of the Commonwealth, ... "While amending the Constitution to provide for an elected Attorney General is the primary thrust of the initiative, as summarized below, H.L.I. 17-2 also proposes other changes to the Constitution as it relates to the Office of the Attorney General.

The Commonwealth Constitution currently provides the following:

(1) The Attorney General shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(2) The Attorney General must be a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding the date of his or her confirmation;

(3) The Attorney General shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and the executive departments, representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters, and prosecuting violations of Common wealth law.

[NOTE: The parts emphasized in italics are affected by H.L.I. 17-2]

H.L.I. 17-2 proposes to amend the Commonwealth Constitution to make the following changes and additions to the Constitution:

(1) Provide for the non-partisan election of the Attorney General, in lieu of appointment by the

(2) Increase the length of residence and domicile to at least five years immediately preceding the date that the Attorney General takes office, and also require that the Attorney General be a United

(3) Require that the Attorney General provide legal advice to public officials, executive departments, public corporations, and autonomous agen-

(4) Set the term of office at four years and limit the number of terms a person may be elected Attorney General to two terms;

(5) Require that the Attorney General—(a) be at least thirty- five years of age, (b) be an active member of the Commonwealth Bar Association for at least five years preceding assumption of office, and (c) not have been suspended from the practice of law for a violation of ethics rules;

(6) Remove the Office of the Attorney General from the executive branch and establish the office as an independent agency;

(7) Set the salary of the Attorney General at \$150,000, subject to modification by the Legislature;

(8) Provide that the Attorney General may only be removed for cause.

Summary-il H.I. I. 17-2-. Few House Legislative Initiative ebwe amendááli Article III, Section II reel Constitution il Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands me ebwe ayoora afilil Attorney General: me

Faal Commonwealth Constitution nge Attorney General nge re appunta li mereel Sow Lemelem me re angúngú mereel Senate. House Legislative Initiative 17-2(H.L.I.17-2") e pomwoli ebwe amenda li Constitution reel ebwe ayoora afilili Attorney General mereer aramas, nge esabw schiwel lo appunta mereel Sow Lemelem. Ngare e bwunguló, Attorney General iye ighila nge ebwe lo lóll office óutol a mwutchuló yaal term me ngare e amwel ló. Iwe Attorney General nge ebwe affil mereel aramas reel

Reel meeta legislative re schungi, bwulul H.L. I. 17-2 ebwe mwut ngali attorney general ebwe féérú yaal angaang independently...ebwe accountable ngalir toulap il Commonwealth..."Igha re kke amendááli Constitution bwe ebwe ayoora Attorney General I mille thrust il initiative, igha e summarized me faal, H.L.I. 17-2 ebwal pomwoli akkaw bwal liwel ngali Constitution reel bwulasiyol Attorney General.

Commonwealth Constitution nge e ayoora

(1) Attorney General nge re appunta li mereel rnor me re angúngu mereel Senate:

(2) Attorney General nge ebwe residentil me lolo lól Commonwealth eluuw raagh miril ralil we re confirm li.

(3) Attorney General nge ebwe ayoora legal advice ngali Sow Lemelem, executive departments, ebwe representali Commonwealth Iól alongal legal

matters, me prosecute reel alégh kka rese attabwey. [NOTE: peigh kka e lo lól italics nge e affected reel

H.L.I. 17-2 pomwoli ebwe amendááli Commonwealth Constitution reel ebwe féér liwel me bwal appasch long lól Constitution:

(1) Ebwe ayoora afilil Attorney General nge ebwe non-partisan, bwe ebwe liweli igha e apunta mereel Sow Lemelem.

(2) Ebwe tumóghátá raghil residence me domicile ngali limoow ragh mwiril ralil we Attorney General a bwughi office, me ebwe United States

(3) Attorney General ebwe ngalleer advice public officials, executive departments, public corporations me autonomous agencies.

(4) Ebwe faawu raghil terms il office me ebwe aighúgh terms eschay aramas ngare re afili bwe Attorney General ngali ruwoow terms.

(5) Demandali Attorney General ebwe—(a) limeigh me limoow raghil, (b) ebwe active membrol Commonwealth Bar Association Iol limoow ragh mwiril yaal bwughi office, me (c) esóór igha e suspended reel angangal lay bwele e violate li ethics

(6) Ofisinal Attorney General esabw schiwel lo faal executive branch nge ebwe le ayoora bwe eew independent agency.

(7) Óbwóssul Attorney General nge ebwe \$150,000, nge emwal ebwe yoor liwel mereel Leg-

(8) Emwal rebwe atowowu Attorney General

Sinumårian House Legislative Initiative 17-2 House Legislative Initiative para u amenda i Attikulu III, Seksiona 11 gi Konstitusion Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariana ni para u åturisa i elek sion put i Abugådu Heneråt; yan para ottru hinangai

Gi papa' i Konstitusion Commonwealth, i Abugådu Heneråt ma'apunta ni Gubietnu yan ipinagat yan kinensientin Senadot. I House Legislative Initiative 17-2 ("H.L.I. 17-2") ha proponi para u amenda i Konstitusion para u pribeniyi na i Abuqadu Henerat u ma'ilihi ni taotao, enlugat ki u ma'apunta ni Gubiet nu. Yanggin mapåsa, i prisenti na Abugådu Heneråt u saga gi ufisina estaki måkpu' i temå-ña pat estaki ha risikna gui'. Pues, i Abugådu Heneråt u ma'ilihi ni taotåo gi ileksion heneråt

Sigun gi sinedda' i legislative, i hinangai i H.L.I. 17-2 para u sedi "i abugådu heneråt para u kalamtin indi-

pendensia ... yan para u accountable para i taotåo . ." Mientras ma'amemendai Konstitusion para u pribeniyi para i ma'ilihi na Abugådu Heneråt i su'un primet gi initiative, kumu i masumåria gi sampapa', H.L.I. 17-2 lokkui' ha proponi ottru siha na tinilaika gi Konstitusion kumu u ma'achuli' gi Ufisina para i Abugådu Heneråt.

Konstitusion Commonwealth gi prisenti ha pribeniyi i sigienti:

(1) I Abugådu Heneråt debi na u ma'apunta ni Gubietnu yan pinagat yan i kinensienti ni Senadot;

(2) I Abugådu Heneråt debi na residenti yan sumåsaga gi Commonwealth putlumenus tres åñus tinattitivi insigidas ni fetchan konfitmasion; yan

(3) I Abugådu Heneråt debi na risponsåpbli para u na'guahayi legal advice para i gubietnu yan i dinattamentun eksakatibu siha, ha riprisesenta i Commonwealth gi todu maneran ligåt siha, yan prosecuting violations gi lain Commonwealth.

[NOTA: I påtti siha ha emfasisa gi italics ni maninafekta ni H.L.I. 17-2]

H.L.I. 17-2 Ha proponi para u amenda i Konstitusion Commonwealth para u fa'tinas i sigienti na tinilaika siha yan u åomenta para i Konstitusion:

(1) U pribeniyi para i tai-patida na ileksion gi Abugådu Heneråt, i inatulaikan inapunta ginin i Gu

(2) U åomenta i tiempun residensia yan sumagå para putlumenus ki singku åñus ni tinattitiyi ni fetcha ni i Abugådu Heneråt u hålum gi ufisina, yan lokkui' u madimånda na i Abugådu Heneråt u siudidånun America (U.S. citizen);

(3) U madimånda na i Abugådu Heneråt u pribeniyi legal advice para i ufisialis pupbliku siha, dipattamentun eksakatibu, public corporations, yan autonomous agencies;

(4) U na'guahayi tema gi ufisina gi kuåttru åñus yan minidi i numirun tema siha i petsona nai siña ma'ilihi Abugadu Henerat gi dos tema siha;

(5) U dimånda na i Abugådu Heneråt - - - (a) putlumenus u trentaisingku åñus na idåt, (b) u active member gi Commonwealth Bar Association putlumenus singku åñus ni preceding assumption gi ufisina, yan tåya' na masuspendi ginin i prinaktikan lai para i kinentran i areklamentun ethics;

(6) Mana'suha gi Ufisinan Abugådu Heneråt ginin i råmas eksakatibu yan u estapblesi i ufisina kumu ahensian indipendensia;

(7) U mana'guahayi suetdu gi Abugådu Heneråt gi \$150,000, sinuhetu para i modifikasion ginin i

(8) U pribeniyi na i Abugådu Heneråt siña lok kui' mana'suha put rason.

Seventeenth Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Second Day, Fifth Regular Session, January 26, 2012 H. L. I. 17-2, HD3, HS2

A HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

To amend article III, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of an Attorney General; and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the Office of the Attorney General is charged with prosecuting all violations of Commonwealth law and is one of the most integral offices of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands As such, the Office of the Attorney General should be free of any political influence or interference. The present system of the governor appointing the attorney general with the advice and consent of the Senate subjects the attorney general to removal at any time by the governor and proscribes independence of the attorney general to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth. The Legislature further finds that in order for the attorney general to function independently and ensure the enforcement of Commonwealth laws to the fullest extent, and be $accountable \ to \ the \ people \ of \ the \ Commonwealth, it$ has become necessary to amend Article III. Section 11 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution to authorize the election of the attorney general.

Section 2. Legislative Initiative. The Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the mem bers of each house present and voting, hereby proposes the following amendment to Article III, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to be placed before the people for ratification at the next general election:

"A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT To amend Article III, Section 11 of the Northern

Mariana Islands Constitution to authorize the election of an attorney general; and for other purposes. "Article III, Section 11, of the Northern Mari-

ana Islands Constitution is amended to read as fol-"Section 11: Attorney General. The gov-

ernor shall appoint an Attorney General with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Attorney General shall be a resident and a domiciliary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for at least three years immediately preceding the date on which the Attorney General is confirmed. $% \label{eq:confirmed} % \label{eq:confi$

There is in the Commonwealth governmen an Office of the Attorney General to be headed by an attorney general. The Office of the Attorney General is established as an independent agency within the executive branch of the Commonwealth government. The attorney general shall be elected at large within the Commonwealth for a term of office of four years. The Attorney General shall be the Chief Legal Officer of the Commonwealth government and shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and executive departments (including public corporations and autonomous agencies), representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters, and prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law.

(a) The attorney general shall be at least thirty-five years of age, be a U.S. citizen and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least five years immediately preceding the date on which the attorney general takes office.

(b) The attorney general shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth for at least the five years preceding the date on which the attorney general takes office and shall not have been suspended from the practice of law in any jurisdiction of the United States for violation of ethical rules governing the practice of attorneys.

(c) No person convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude in the Commonwealth or in any area under the jurisdiction of the United States may be eligible for this office.

(d) Elections for attorney general shall be nonpartisan, and candidates shall not declare any party affiliation. The legislature may enact laws to ensure the nonpartisan nature of elections for attorney general.

(e) After the Commonwealth Election Com mission certifies the results of an election for attorney general, if no candidate receive more than one half of the total votes cast for attorney general, on the fourteenth day thereafter, a runoff election shall be held between the candidates for attorney general receiving the highest and second highest number of votes cast for that office. Runoff election procedures shall be provided by law.

(f) The attorney general shall red of one hundred thirty thousand dollars per year. Upon the recommendation of the advisory commission on compensation provided for by Article II, Section 10, of this Constitution, the legislature may change the salary of the attorney general, except that the salary of the attorney general may not be changed during a term of office.

(g) The attorney general may not serve in another Commonwealth position, or on any commission or board, and may not receive compensation for performance of official duties or from any governmental body except as provided by this Section. (h) The attorney general is subject to im-

peachment as provided in article II, section 8, of this Constitution for treason, commission of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, corruption, or neglect of

(i) If the office of attorney general becomes vacant, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing the unsuccessful candidate for the office in the last election who received the largest number of votes and is willing to serve.

If no candidate is available, the governor shall ap-

point a person qualified for the office of attorney general with the advice and consent of the Senate. The attorney general appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve until the next general election

Transitional provision. The provisions of this section on the day before the effective date of this initiative shall remain in force until the next general election and until an elected attorney general is elected and

Section 3. Adoption and Transmittal. The Speak er of the House and the President of the Senate shall certify, and the Clerks of the House and Senate shall attest to the passage of this Legislative Initiative. The House Clerk shall then cause the Initiative to be transmitted to the Governor and the Board of Elections. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 5 of the Commonwealth Constitution, the Board shall place this Legislative Initiative, with the Findings and Purpose section herein, before the people of the Commonwealth for ratification vote in the next regular general election.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JANUARY 26, 2012 BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS



PASSED BY THE SENATE ON MARCH 7, 2012 BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE- FOURTHS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING

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WORLD BRIEFS

Hurricane Sandy pounds Jamaica, then aims at Cuba

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)— Hurricane Sandy's howling winds and pelting rains lashed precarious shantytowns, stranded travelers and downed power lines Wednesday as it roared across Jamaica on a course that would take it on to Cuba and then possibly threaten Florida and the Bahamas. Sandy's death toll was at least two. An elderly man was killed in Jamaica when he was crushed by a boulder that rolled onto his clapboard house, police reported. Earlier Wednesday, a woman in Haiti was swept away by a rushing river she was trying to cross. In some southern towns on Jamaica, a few crocodiles were caught in rushing floodwaters that carried them out of their homes in mangrove thickets, showing up in districts where electricity was knocked out, local residents reported. One big croc

she was trying to cross. In some southern towns on Jamaica, a few crocodiles were caught in rushing took up temporary residence in a family's front yard in the city of Portmore.

Gazans fire rockets at Israel, bringing airstrikes

JERUSALEM (AP)—Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip fired dozens of rockets and mortar shells into southern Israel on Wednesday in the heaviest bombardment on the area in months, drawing ominous Israeli threats of retaliation and dangers of escalation. The violence came a day after a landmark visit to Gaza by the emir of Qatar. Israeli officials suggested the visit, the first by a head of state to the Hamas-ruled territory, emboldened the militant group. The rocket fire began shortly after the emir left Gaza late Tuesday and continued through the night. Israeli officials said more than 80 projectiles were fired, and Hamas claimed responsibility for many of the attacks. Israel responded with a series of airstrikes on rocket launchers, killing two Palestinian militants, according to Gaza medical officials. Two other Palestinians

were killed Tuesday. 3,200 African troops needed to fight Mali

rebels ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—The African Union on Wednesday pledged to mobilize an African military force to battle al-Qaida-affiliated groups controlling northern Mali. African foreign ministers meeting at the African Union headquarters in Ethiopia agreed to write a final operational plan for the African-led force by the end of the month, as well as calling for arms and equipment to be provided for Mali's army from members and international partners. Kadre Desire Ouedraogo, the president of the Economic Community of West African States, told The Associated Press after Wednesday's closeddoor meeting that roughly 3,200

Use of chains denounced by accused in Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NA-

troops would be needed.

VAL BASE, Cuba (AP)—The Guantanamo Bay prisoner charged with orchestrating the attack on the Navy destroyer USS Cole denounced his treatment at the hands of the U.S. military, telling the judge in his case on Wednesday that he is subjected to painful and unnecessary security measures. Defendant Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri said he may boycott future sessions of his war crimes tribunal if the military continues to use security measures such as belly chains while moving him around the prison at the U.S. base in Cuba. "If the guards do not treat me better I have the right not to come and let the world know that the judge sentenced me to death because I did not show up to court due to chains," the defendant, standing and gesturing as he spoke, told the judge.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Summary of H.L.I. 17-5 — A House Legislative Initiative to add a new Section 10 to Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obliqation bonds and for other purposes.

H.L.I. 17-5 proposes to add a new section to the Commonwealth Constitution that would authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds to help pay the judgment issued in favor of the Retirement Fund and against the Commonwealth for unpaid employer contributions.

Currently, the Constitution limits public indebtedness in two ways: (1) public indebtedness may not be authorized in excess of ten percent of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property within the Commonwealth, unless it is debt resulting from bonds or other obligations that are payable solely from the revenues derived from a public improvement or undertaking, and (2) public indebtedness may not be authorized for operating expenses of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

Notwithstanding these limits, the amendment would authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds. The amendment would limit the Commonwealth's abil-

ity to issue such pension obligation bonds by (1) requiring an affirmative vote of two-thirds of both houses of the legislature before pension obligation bonds could be issued; and (2) capping the cumulative amount of the pension bonds to the amount of the Commonwealth's actuarially determined unfunded liability to the Retirement Fund.

H.L.I. 17-5 ----- Eew House Legislative Initiative ebwe appaschalong eew féél Section 10 ngali Article X Iól Constitution il Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands bwe ebwe authoriza li Commonwealth ebwe isisiwow pension obligation bonds and akkaw wewe.

H.L.I. 17-5 e pomwoli ebwe ayoora eew section féé ngali Commonwealth Constitution iye ebwe mwuut ngali Commonwealth ebwe isisiwow pension obligation bonds reel ebwe alisi le óbwóssu judgement were isaliwow nge e ppáli Retirement Fund me kontura li Commonwealth reel igha ese kke óbwóssu employer contribution.

Ighila, Constitution e aighúghuú dibil toulap lól ruwoow awewe:(1) dibil toulap nge esemwal ebwe aluw ló seigh percent reel aggregrate assessed valuation reel faluw lól Commonwealth, ngare schadh bwe dibi yeel nge e mwurilól mereel bonds me akkaw obligations kkaa emwel rebwe óbwossu mereel revenues kka e mwoto mereel public improvement me ngare undertaking, me (2) dibil toulap nge resabw yaya reel operating expenses lól Commonwealth me yaal political subdivision.

Ngare mo reel aighúgh kkaal, amenda kkaal ebwe mwuut ngali Commonwealth ebwe isisiwow pension obligation bonds. Amenda kkaal ebwe aighúghú bwangil Commonwealth reel isisiwowul obligation bonds reel(1) ebwe yoor two-thirds il affirmative vote mereel ii me ruwoow iimw me legislature mwal pension obligations bonds ebwe isisiwow;me (2) ebwe cap cumulative amount il pension bonds ngali fitow méél reel Commonwealth's actuarially e detetminaly unfunded liability ngali Retirement Fund.

House Legislative Initiative 17-5 - - - I House Legislative Initiative para u na'danña'i nuebu na Seksiona 10 para i Attikulu X gi Konstitusion Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas para u åturisa i Commonwealth para u laknus i pension obligation bonds yan para i ottru hinangai siha.

H.L.I.17-5 Ha proponi para u na'danña'i seksiona para i Konstitusion Commonwealth na u åturisa i Commonwealth na para u laknus i pension obligation bonds para u ayuda umapåsi i judgement ni malaknus ni finabot ni i Fondun Ritiru yan kontra i Commonwealth unpaid employer contributions.

Gi prisenti, i Konstitusion ha midi i public indebtedness gi dos manera siha: (1) public indebtedness siña ha ti ma'âturisa in excess of ten percent gi aggregate assessed valuation gi real property gi halum i Commonwealth, solu rinisusutta i dibi ginin i bonds pat ottru opbligasion siha ni mam-payable solely ginin i revenues ni måttu ginin i public indebtedness siña ti ma'âturisa para i operating expenses gi Commonwealth pat iyon-ña political subdivisions.

Notwithstanding esti siha na minidi, i amendasion para u ma'âturisa i Commonwealth para u laknus i pension obligation bonds. I amendasion para u midi i abilidât i Commonwealth para u laknus i pension obligation bonds gi (1)dinimåmanda i affirmative gi botu gi two-thirds parehu i dos guma' gi leyislatura åntis di pension obligation bonds nai siña malaknus; (2) capping i cumulative amount i pension bonds para i kantidå gi Commonwealth actuarially ni madetitmina gi unfunded liability para i Fondun Ritiru.

Seventeenth Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
First Day, Fifth Special Session, July 6, 2012

H.L.I.17-5

A HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

To add a new Section 10 to Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds:
(a) The Commonwealth has failed for several years to contribute its actuari-

ally required employer contributions to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund ("Fund"). (b) The Commonwealth Superior Court

issued a judgment in Civil Action No.06-0367, finding the Commonwealth is obligated to pay the Fund \$317,492,291 as of November 10, 2010.

(c) It is necessary and proper to help resolve the above mentioned litigation by authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds to generate revenues immediately which the Commonwealth can repay over time, as the bonds mature, thus lessening the immediate fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

(d) The issuance of pension obligation bonds could grant the Retirement Fund a substantial sum of money to invest and compound returns over time in order to ensure the fiscal solvency and viability of the pension system

(e) The constitutional amendment proposed by this initiative authorizes issuance of pension obligation bonds. Before any such bonds are actually issued, the Commonwealth additionally must assess their feasibility. The feasibility of the bonds depends upon bond market conditions, prevailing interest rates, and other factors that may change over

(f) Under current law, the issuance of pension obligation bonds may be precluded by Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution because the amounts due relate to the operating deficit. Article X, Section 4 limits the issuance of public debt in two ways: (1) by prohibiting its use for operating expenses;

and (2) by limiting its total to no more than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property within the Commonwealth. Article X, Section reads as follows:

Article X, Section 4: Public Debt Limitation. Public indebtedness other than bonds or other obligations of the government payable solely from the revenues derived from a public improvement or undertaking may not be authorized in excess of ten percent of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property within the Commonwealth. Public indebtedness may not be authorized for operating expenses of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

(g) The limitations of Article X, Section 4 should not preclude the Commonwealth from addressing its obligations to the Retirement Fund. The proposed initiative waives those limitations and substitutes other limitations, including the requirement that the cumulative amount of the bonds not exceed the Commonwealth's actuarially determined unfunded accrued liability to the Retirement Fund.

(h) The limitations in Article X, Section 3 will continue to apply to the bonds. Those limitations serve as an additional protection for the public interest. Under Article X, Section 3, the Commonwealth may not issue pension obligation bonds without the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members in each house of the legislature. Article X, Section 3 reads as follows:

Article X, Section 3: Public Debt Authorization. Public debt may not be authorized or incurred without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in each house of the legislature.

(i) In the 2010 general election, House Legislative Initiative 17-1, HS1 was placed on the ballot for ratification by the voters of the CNMI to authorize the Commonwealth to issue a pension obligation bond. 11,436 total registered voters participated in the voting process for HLI 17-1, HS1. However, only 4,200 voted to ratify HLI 17-1, HS1, while 5,611 voted against it and 1,599 voters left their

ballots blank with respect to that initiative. The Legislature finds that there was insufficient time to fully educate the voters about the mechanics of HLI 17-1, HS 1 and the benefits to the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund's Defined Benefit Plan members. As such, a re-introduction of this initiative is proper and beneficial so as to provide our voters another opportunity to be more educated about pension obligation bonds and to participate in process of sustaining the retirement fund program.

(j) Accordingly, the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Legislature finds it is necessary and proper to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to add a new Section 10 to Article X (Taxation and Public Finance) to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds.

Section 2. Legislative Initiative.

The Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of each house present and voting, hereby proposes the following amendment to add a new Section 10 to Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be placed before the people for ratification at the next general election or at the next special election established by law:

"A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To add a new Section 10 to Article X (Taxation and Public Finance) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds and for other purposes.

Section 10: Pension Obligation Bonds. Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature, the Commonwealth may issue pension obligation bonds, the cumulative amount of which shall not exceed the Commonwealth's actuarially determined unfunded accrued liability to the Retirement Fund. The net proceeds of each bond issuance shall be deposited and invested along with other monies in a defined benefit plan trust fund administered by the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. The bonds issued under

this section shall comply with Section 3 of this Article and shall be exempt from Section 4 of this Article."

Section 3. Adoption and Transmittal.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall certify, and the Clerks of the House and Senate shall attest to the passage of this Legislative Initiative. The House Clerk shall then cause the Initiative to be transmitted to the Governor and the Board of Elections. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 5 of the Commonwealth Constitution, the Board shall place this Legislative Initiative, with the Findings and Purpose section herein, before the people of the Commonwealth for ratification vote at the earlier of the next regular general election or the next special election established by law.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 6, 2012 BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING

Attested to by Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: ELICEO EII" D. CABRERA
Speaker of the House

PASSED BY THE SENATE ON AUGUST 8, 2012 BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE- FOURTHS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING

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Certified by:

PAUL A. MANGLONA

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NY man gets watch back 53 years after theft

ENDICOTT, N.Y. (AP)—A man in upstate New York finally has his wristwatch back, 53 years after it was stolen. Ed Grigor says he had long ago forgotten about the 23-jewel wristwatch stolen when he was in the Navy. Then last month the Binghamton-area man got a call from a Las Vegas couple. They were able to track down Grigor because his name was engraved on the back of the watch. The Press and Sun Bulletin of Binghamton reports that the mother of the woman who tracked down Grigor owned a guest house frequented by Navy servicemen stationed in Virginia Beach. When they ran low on money, she would hold collateral until they paid their bills, but some never came back. When the woman's mother died, the watch was found among her possessions.

Burglars hit Pa. house twice in 2 weeks, nab puppy

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Burglars have struck a Philadelphia house two weeks in a row, first stealing all the food in the family's refrigerator, then snatching their puppy. Rachel Schortye tells WCAU-TV that the latest theft happened late Saturday or early Sunday. She says the burglars took their 52-inch flatscreen TV, winter clothes and party favors for her 8-year-old son's upcoming birthday party. Schortye says the thieves also took her 3-month-old puppy Miss Piggy from her cage. She says they entered the home through a screen on her porch. The burglars first struck Oct. 15.

School bus, truck crash in Pa.—without drivers BEAVER FALLS, Pa. (AP)—

Police don't plan to cite the drivers of a truck and school bus which crashed in western Pennsylvania. But only because neither vehicle had a driver when they wrecked. Police in Patterson Township tell the Beaver County Times the incident happened just before 10 a.m. Tuesday when the parked bus began to roll down a hill. Police aren't sure why that happened, because the driver had engaged the parking brake. The bus rear-ended a parked truck, which also began rolling down the hill alongside the bus, until the truck flipped onto its side. The bus continued on, shearing off one utility pole and hitting another before rolling to a stop a few feet from the porch of a home. Nobody was hurt.

Study: Male beluga whale mimics human speech

SAN DIEGO (AP)—It could be the muffled sound of singing in the shower or that sing-songy indecipherable voice from the

Muppets' Swedish Chef. Surprisingly, scientists said the audio they captured was a whale imitating people. In fact, the whale

song sounded so eerily human that divers initially thought it was a human voice. Handlers at the National Marine Mammal Foundation in San Diego heard mumbling in 1984 coming from a tank containing whales and dolphins that sounded like two people chatting far away. It wasn't until one day, after a diver surfaced from the tank and asked, "Who told me to get out?" did researchers realize the garble came from a captive male Beluga whale. For several years, they recorded its spontaneous sounds while it was underwater and when it surfaced.

An acoustic analysis revealed the human-like sounds were several octaves lower than typical whale calls. The research was published online Monday in Current Biology. Scientists think the whale's close proximity to people allowed it to listen to and mimic human conversation.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION

VOTERS MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

Senate Legislative Initiative No. 17-12 — A Senate Legislative Initiative to amend Section 2(b) of Article XV of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the Board of Regents to revise the mission statement of the Northern Marianas College

Senate Legislative Initiative No. 17-12 proposes to amend the Constitution to authorize the Board of Regents to establish the mission statement of the college. Currently, the mission statement of the Northern Marianas College is set forth in the Commonwealth Constitution. Because of this, the Board of Regents cannot revise the mission statement as needed to reflect the changing needs of the college and to comply with accreditation standards.

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Senate Legislative Initiative No. 17-12 - - - | Senate Legislative Initiative para u amenda i Seksiona 2(b) gi Attikulu XV gi Konstitusion Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas para u åturisa i Board of Regents para u ribisa i mission statement gi Northern Marianas College

I Senate Legislative Initiative No. 17-12 ha proponi para u amenda i Konstitusion ni para u åturisa i Board of Regents para u estapblesi i mission statement gi Kulehu. Gi prisenti, i mission statement gi Northern Marianas College ha pega mo'na gi halum i Konstitusion Commonwealth. Sa' put esti, i Board of Regents ti siña ha ribisa i mission statement kumu manisisita ni para u reflect i nisisåriu na tinilaika gi kulehu yan para u kumpli yan i accreditation standards.

THE SENATE

SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2011

Senate Legislative Initiative No. 17-12, HD1 A SENATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

To amend Section 2 (b) of Article XV of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to read as follows: ana Islands to authorize the Board of Regents to revise the mission statement of the Northern Marianas College.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMON-**WEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The Legislature finds that unlike most colleges in the United States, the mission statement of the Northern Marianas College is set forth in the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. This prohibits the Northern Marianas College from revising its mission statement as necessary from time to time. The Legislature finds that effective organizations, especially post-secondary institutions, must evolve responsibly in order to continually improve and grow as a reflection of the communities that they serve.

The Legislature further finds that in order to comply with accreditation standards, the Northern Marianas College must have a mission statement that defines the institution's broad educational purposes, its intended student population, and its commitment to achieving student learning and the statement must be approved by the Board of Regents. Moreover, accreditation standards as well as best practices in higher education require that the mission statement of the Northern Marianas College be reviewed on a regular basis using the institution's governance and decision making processes and be revised when necessary. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislative initiative is to amend the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to allow the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College to identify and set the college's mission statement in order to assist the College conform to best practices in higher education and to accreditation standards. It further strengthens the college's autonomy.

Section 2. Legislative Initiative. The Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of each house present and voting, hereby amend Section 2 (b) Article XV of the Constitution of the Northern Marianas Islands to be placed before the people for ratification at the next general or special election:

"A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

To amend Section 2 (b) of Article XV of the Constitution of the Northern Mar

b) The mission purpose of the college shall be to provide the best quality and meaningful postsecondary and adult educational opportunities for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the individual and for the Commonwealth as a whole. The college shall be responsible for providing education in the areas of adult and continuing education, postsecondary and adult vocational education and professional development for the people of the Commonwealth. The board of regents shall establish the mission statement of the college."

Section 3. Adoption and Transmittal. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall certify, and the Senate Legislative Secretary and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Legislative Initiative. The Senate Clerk shall then transmit a certified copy of the Initiative to the Governor and the Board of Elections. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 5 of the Commonwealth Constitution, the Board shall place this Legislative Initiative, with the Findings and Purpose section herein, before the people of the Commonwealth for ratification vote at the earlier of the next regular general election or the next special election established by law.

Passed by the Senate on June 28, 2012 and the House of Representatives on May 15, 2012 by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members in each house.

ATTESTED TO BY:

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Science & Technology

Buying guide: How to get, or avoid, Windows 8

By ANICK JESDANUN

NEW YORK (AP)—This week. Microsoft Corp. will release a new version of its Windows operating system, one designed to make desktop and laptop computers work more like tablets. It represents the software company's effort to address the growing popularity of smartphones and tablet computers, namely the iPad.

The new software is a radical departure from previous versions of Windows. The familiar start

gone, and people will have to swipe the edges of the screen to access various settings. There will be a new screen filled with a colorful array of tiles, each leading to a different application, task or collection of files. Windows 8 is designed especially for touch screens, though it will work with the mouse and keyboard shortcuts, too.

There will be several versions of Windows 8:

WINDOWS 8.

Like its predecessors, Windows 8

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menu on the lower left corner is will run on computers with processing chips made by Intel Corp. or Advanced Micro Devices Inc. There's a basic version designed for consumers and a Pro version for more tech-savvy users and businesses. The Pro version has such features as encryption and group account management. Large companies with volumelicensing deals with Microsoft will want Windows 8 Enterprise, which has additional tools for information-technology staff to manage machines.

WINDOWS RT

For the first time, there will also be a version running on lower-energy chips common in phones and tablets. That version will run on tablets and some devices that marry tablet and PC features. While tablets with Windows 8 can run standard Windows programs, the RT devices will be restricted to applications specifically designed for the system. Borrowing from Apple's playbook, Microsoft is allowing RT to get applications only from its online store, and apps must meet content and other guidelines.

WINDOWS PHONE 8

While Windows 8 and RT will be out Friday, the phone version won't be available until an unspecified date this fall. Microsoft has an event on it Monday and may announce more details then. Nokia Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co. already have announced plans for new Windows phones.

You can get Windows RT and Windows Phone 8 only by buying devices with the software already installed, while Windows 8 can be purchased as an upgrade as well.

Here's how you can get-or avoid getting-Windows 8:

■ Buy a new PC:

Desktop, laptop and tablet computers with Windows 8 already installed will go on sale Friday. Several PC manufacturers including Samsung, Lenovo Group Ltd., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc. already have announced details about their new machines, while retailers such as Best Buy Co. have trained staff to explain and demonstrate the new system. Microsoft will also have its Surface tablet with Windows

■ Upgrade your PC:

coming later.

Those who have bought a Windows 7 PC (other than the Starter Edition) since June 2 will be able to buy Windows 8 Pro for \$14.99. The offer applies to Windows 7 PCs sold until Jan. 31, and the upgrade must be claimed by Feb. 28.

RT out, with a Windows 8 version

To claim the offer, register the machine at https://windowsupgradeoffer.com . You'll get an

email with a promo code, which you can use to get the Windows 8 upgrade online.

Those who bought a Windows PC before June 2 will be able to upgrade for \$39.99. You must already have Windows XP with Service Pack 3, Windows Vista or Windows 7.

Those who prefer buying a DVD to upgrade will have to pay \$69.99.

Before buying the upgrade, check to make sure your machine is strong enough to run Windows 8. Microsoft lists the system requirements here: http://windowsupgradeoffer.com/en-US/Home/ ProgramInfo.

Not sure if you have what it takes? Microsoft has an upgrade tool that will stop you if you try to buy Windows 8 without the requirements. The tool will also warn you of software that might need updates to work on Windows 8. Go to http://Windows. com starting Friday to get started.

If you're upgrading from Windows 7, the tool will let you keep settings, personal files and applications. You can migrate settings and files from Vista and files only from XP. You'll also have the option to start fresh and bring nothing to Windows 8.

■ Keep older Windows:

Do nothing if you do not wish to upgrade to Windows 8. After Windows 8 is out, most machines on sale will have that version of Windows

Microsoft plans to continue providing technical support for Windows 7 until Jan. 14, 2020.



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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of office supplies for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Packet may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$50.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Supply & Delivery of Office Supplies" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2012. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on October 25, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the

All questions or request for clarification regarding this bid must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2012 to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email — manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Assistant via email-christie.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles warren@cucgov.org.

Acting Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-13-007 AUTOMOBILE RENTAL SERVICES

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012 **27**

Life & Style

Tinu zombies: Haloween's Goriest

By MELISSA RAYWORTH

knives.

Prepare yourself this Halloween for a procession of tiny trick-or-treaters like none you've encountered before. If the companies that gamble on offering the right mix of costumes are correct, visitors to your doorstep will include a grisly array of waist-high killer clowns brandishing blood-soaked machetes, deranged convicts and zombie ninjas armed with

Add to that the full roster of fictional killers who gave people nightmares during the '80s and '90s—Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers, Jason Voorhees from "Friday the 13th" and Chucky, the murderous doll from "Child's Play"—now available in sizes that can fit a 5-year-old.

These costumes make last year's popular "Scream" mask filled with fake blood seem al-

Earlier this month, Amber Boettcher brought her 6-year-old daughter Addi to a Halloween store near their home in southeastern Minnesota. They were looking for pompoms to add to Addi's homemade costume. But their shopping trip ended abruptly when Addi saw the array of gory outfits on sale for kids.

"She freaked out," Boettcher says. "The store

was so gross and scary that we left."

Gory Halloween costumes aren't new, of course. And Halloween decorations have gotten just as intense: Spirit Halloween offers a disturbingly realistic mechanical version of the possessed girl from "The Exorcist" for your front lawn, and PaperMart offers plastic severed hands splattered with fake blood packaged as though they've been wrapped at a butcher shop, perfect for decorating the buffet table at a Halloween party.

But in a year when Abraham Lincoln was depicted as a vampire hunter and zombies are everywhere, gory costumes that were once reserved for preteens and teens are now available in ever-smaller

One example among many: The national chain Party City's "Boys Skinned Alive" costume will fit, according the company's website, "most children over 4." Even costumes that were once benign now have violent twists: The sweet, simple "sock monkey" is now a bloody zombie sock monkey with razor-sharp teeth, sold in sizes small enough for kindergarteners.

"For the last couple of years, darker is where it's

This undated product image released by Part City shows a girl wearing a zombie queen costume.

been at," says Melissa Sprich, vice president of Halloween mer-

chandising for Party City. For babies and toddlers, Sprich s a y s "darker" may mean dressing as a devil rather than a cheerful dinosaur. But for all other ages,

many parents are seeking vampires, zombies and 'the Freddies, Jasons and Chuckys" even for kids too young to see those

characters on screen.

The companies that license these characters' images determine how small the costumes can run. with some drawing the line for horror characters at sizes 6-8 or 10-12. But while "6-8" technically refers to ages 6-8, many boys wear that size at age 5.

David J. Skal, who has chronicled America's fascination with horror since the 1990s in numerous books, including "The Monster Show," says he's surprised at the level of "monster-ization of children" we're seeing this year.

He points out that for centuries, frightening masks and "scary stories have been used to pass on a kind of coming-of-age message to children that the world is not always a safe and welcoming place." Perhaps, he says, this year parents are especially preoccupied with just how unwelcoming the world seems.

Researching his history of Halloween, "Death Makes a Holiday," Skal spoke with people who grew up during the Great Depression, and remembered dressing up as what they called "hobos and bums." At that time, he says, "people were very concerned that the whole social fabric was coming apart. The idea of the rise of the unwashed masses kind of has a parallel with our fascination with zombies."

Chris Alexander, editor-in-chief of the longrunning horror magazine Fangoria, says in the 1930s, characters we now see as relatively harmless like Frankenstein's monster or Count Dracula were unsettling moviegoers just like Chucky or Michael Myers.

But, Alexander points out, those characters were effectively defanged through decades of adaptation before they became dress-up fodder for preschoolers. Frankenstein's monster morphed into bumbling Herman Munster and Dracula eventually translated into Count von Count on "Sesame Street." No such softening has happened with characters like child-killer Freddy Krueger: They are realistically depicted in latex and fabric, then wrapped around little trick-or-treaters.

Even Alexander, who edits a horror magazine and makes low-budget horror films, says the current crop of costumes is too gory for him to consider buying for his own 5-year-old.

"My office is a nightmare come to life," he says, "but I would never dress my child up as Freddy Krueger or Jason. ... I'm quite shocked when I see it."



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-13-003 GATE VALVE & FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT KOBLERVILLE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement in Koblerville, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

The work consists of excavation & removal of existing gate valves and installation of new 6-inch and 8-inch gate valve and fire hydrant assemblies connected to a 6-inch or 8-inch main waterline. Payment is only for the item as completely installed and accepted by the CUC. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on October 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Koblerville, Saipan to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2012, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 29, 2012 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER Acting Executive Director



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CUC-IFB-13-004
Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines on Gloria Drive, Ocean View Drive, Isla Drive and Puetto St. Installation of new PRVs, gate valves, and construction of new booster pump station. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done without disruption to the daily operation of the water system

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bidding Documents may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-004, Navy Hill Waterline and Pressure Improvement Project to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 20, 2012, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price and Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (Ch5T) on November 7, 2012 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – christie.sablan@cucgov.org..

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Silent Hill: Revelation 2D

Friday Saturday 4:30 4:30 Monday thru Thursday 4:30

Cast: Adelaide Clemens, Carrie-Anne Moss Genre: Horror • Rated R



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Cast: Victoria Justice, Thomas Mann, Chelsea Handler Genre: Comedy • Rated PG 13



A Secret Affair

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Cast: Anne Curtis, Derek Ramsay, Andi Eigenmann Genre: Romance, Drama • Rated PG 13



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Cast: Stephen Dunham, Alexondra Lee Genre: Horror • Rated R



Here Comes The Boom

Friday 7:00 9:30 1:00 Monday thru Thursday

Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek Genre: Comedy • Rated PG



Pitch Perfect

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Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13



Hotel Transylvania 3D

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'The Hobbit' to be released in Dolby Atmos

AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Middle-earth will sound more realistic in "The Hobbit."

Dolby Laboratories Inc. and director Peter Jackson's Park Road Post Production announced Wednesday that "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" will be mixed and released in Dolby Atmos, the company's immersive new sound system that features two extra arrays of overhead speakers and the ability to direct sounds to individual speakers inside movie theaters.

"(Jackson) felt it was going to make a big difference in how he tells stories," said Stuart Bowling, Dolby's senior technical marketing manager. "He doesn't want people to just go and observe his movies. He wants you to feel like you're part of the experience of the stories that's he's trying to tell on the screen and allow you to be part of Middle-earth."

The director of the Oscar-winning "The Lord of the Rings" films adapted J.R.R. Tolkien's tale of Bilbo Baggins, set in the fictional realm of Middle-earth 60 years before "The Lord of the Rings." Besides the standard 2-D format, Warner Bros. Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures are releasing the series in high-frame-rate 3-D, IMAX and other 3-D formats.

Bowling said Dolby's goal is to have the Atmos platform installed in 80 to 100 theaters in



This publicity film image released by Warner Bros., shows Martin Freeman as Bilbo Baggins in a scene from the fantasy adventure "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

time for "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," which is scheduled to premiere on Dec. 14.

The second and third films, "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" and "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," are set for release Dec. 13, 2013, and July 18, 2014.

Other movies slated to be released in the Atmos format include Fox's "Chasing Mavericks" and "Life of Pi." Disney-Pixar's "Brave" was the first film to debut with the audio format earlier this year.

Bowling said the company expects more than 15 films to be released in Atmos next year and hoped to have the system in 1,000 theaters by the end of next year.

"Dolby Atmos is fantastic from a sound quality position," said John Neill, head of sound at Park Road Post Production. "We can now hear full range surround speakers, meaning that when we pan from the front to surround, the sound does not change in quality. The overhead the film medium.

speakers give us the opportunity to place the theater patron really in the location."

Jackson shot "The Hobbit" in 3-D and at 48 frames a second, twice the speed that's been the standard since the 1920s. He received a mixed reception for high-frame-rate preview footage of "The Hobbit" at the Cinema Con theater owner's convention last year. Some thought the images were too clear and realistic, taking away from the magic of

Ex-manager of Britney Spears says he was punched

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Britney Spears' ex-manager described from the witness stand Wednesday a scene of domestic warfare, saying the superstar's father chased him around a kitchen, punched him and threatened his life.

Sam Lutfi, who is suing Spears' parents for defamation, testified while they watched from across the courtroom.

He denied accusations made in a book by Lynne Spears that he was a Svengali who became the gatekeeper of her daughter's world, locking her parents out of her life.

He contends he was a benevolent caretaker who protected Britney during her highly publicized meltdown.

Lutfi's direct testimony concluded in dramatic fashion as he was overcome by tears while describing the aftermath of the publication of the book.

"After the book came out, there was a huge spike of death threats that were pretty bad," he testified. "People I know were shunning me. Websites were created to kill me. People wished I was dead. People wished my family ..."

He didn't finish the sentence because he was crying.

"How did it make you feel," asked his attorney, Joseph Schleimer.

"Depressed, anxious and suicidal," Lutfi testified.

Lutfi told of days Lutfi leading to Britney's

hospitalization at a psychiatric unit, and jurors saw a video of the star ordering him around outside her home hours before she was taken away.

She was demanding that he let her drive her car and told him to get in the passenger seat. The scene outside her home was surreal, with TV lights and paparazzi surrounding her.

Lutfi said Britney feared her father Jamie Spears and fled her home when she heard he was coming. Lutfi said the father confronted him twice and punched him on the second visit.

"Jamie came barging into the house. He lunged at me and island. He was spitting, yelling, shouting at me, and said I had

> hurt his daughter and he was going to beat the hell out of me and I'd better get out of the house," Lutfi testified.

After 10 minutes, he said, Jamie Spears was escorted out by security guards. But the next morning, he

got into the house again and the battle resumed, Lutfi said.

"He cornered me in the kitchen, punched me in the solar plexus and threatened to kill me," Lutfi testified.

"How did it feel?" Schleimer asked.

"It hurt," Lutfi replied.

Asked what he did, he said, "I ran to the game room and locked myself in."

A lawyer for Spears said in opening statements that the father never physically assaulted Lutfi and merely touched him on the chest

With Schleimer reading excerpts from Lynne Spears' book,

chased me around the kitchen Lutfi methodically denied every one of her accusations.

"Were you in complete control of Britney's life?" Schleimer asked.

"No," Lutfi said firmly.

"Did you attempt to keep Britney's family away?" he was asked.

"To the contrary, sir," Lutfi answered. He denied cutting wires to

phone lines in the house and hiding Britney's cellphones. He also said he never drugged the

Court proceedings ended for the day and were set to resume Thursday.

Lutfi is suing for damages for defamation and for a 15 percent share of the millions of dollars Britney made while he was with her.

The singer remains under the conservatorship of her father and has been told by a judge not to attend or testify in the trial.

She has made a remarkable comeback from her hard times, now acting as a judge on TV's "The X Factor."

Phillip Phillips will sing Game 1 national anthem

"American Idol" winner Phillip Phillips will sing the national anthem before Game 1 of the World Series.

The series between Detroit and San Francisco opens Wednesday

night in San Francisco.

Demi Lovato, Zooey Deschanel and Matthew Morrison also are set to sing the anthem in the series.

Morrison will sing before

Game 2 on Thursday night, Deschanel for Game 3 on Saturday night, and Lovato for Game 4 on Sunday night. If there is a Game 5, it will be played Monday night, and Aretha Franklin will perform.

Morrison is an Emmy-nominated actor known for his role on "Glee." Deschanel stars in the hit TV show "New Girl." Lovato is a pop star and judge on "The X Factor." (AP)

Sean 'Diddy' Combs in Beverly Hills auto crash

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Sean "Diddy" Combs was a passenger in an SUV that was hit by another car in front of the Beverly Hills Hotel, but the hip-hop and fashion mogul was not taken to a hospital.

Police Lt. Lincoln Hoshino said Combs was riding in a Cadillac Escalade on Sunset Boulevard when a Lexus sedan turned left in front of it, and the vehicles collided.

Hoshino says Combs complained of pain, but said he would seek his own medical attention. No one from either vehicle was hospitalized.

A phone message left for Combs' publicist was not immediately returned, and Combs made no mention of the crash on his often-updated Twitter account.

Photos posted on celebrity website TMZ showed the Escalade's bumper badly smashed and Combs lying on grass after the crash.



This Sept. 24, 2012 image released by MTV Crashes Manchester shows Alicia Keys headlining "MTV Crashes Manchester" in the city's cathedral, Manchester, England.

Keys launches storytelling app for kids

NEW YORK (AP)—Alicia Keys is launching a storytelling app for kids.

"The Journals of Mama Mae and LeeLee" is about a young New York City girl's relationship with her wise grandmother. It will be released Thursday for \$3.99 and is inspired by Keys' relationship with her grandmother.

The interactive app is centered in LeeLee's bedroom. It allows users to read books, play music and write in a journal.

Keys said after giving birth to her son two years ago she wanted to create learning tools for children.

She said Wednesday that she has been introducing her son to children's TV shows and DVDs. The 14-time Grammy Award winner says she thought of creating a TV show or film but making an app for kids is "limitless."



Rev. Al Sharpton, left, presents Sean "Diddy" Combs the Entertainment Award at the National Action Network's 3rd Annual Triumph Awards on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 in New York.

Cruise files \$50M suit against magazine publisher

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An attorney for Tom Cruise says he has filed a \$50 million defamation lawsuit against the publishers of Life & Style magazine for articles that said the actor has abandoned his 6-year-old daughter Suri.

Bert Fields says the lawsuit was filed Wednesday in Los Angeles federal court. Fields says Cruise doesn't like to file lawsuits but that the assertion that the actor has abandoned his daughter is a "vicious lie." If Cruise prevails, Fields says his client would give the money to charity.



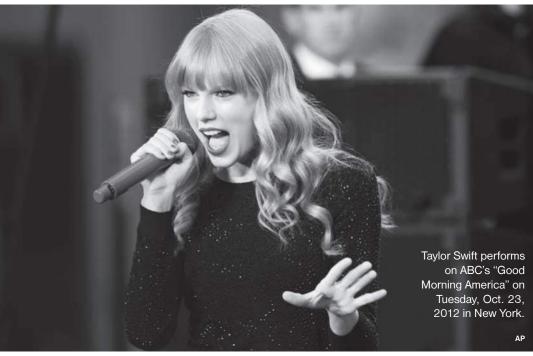
produces Life & Style. was not immediately returned.

Cruise and Siri's mother, Katie Holmes, were divorced earlier this year. They had been married for

spokeswoman for Bau-

er Publishing, which

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Swift, Minaj to perform at American Music Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It'll be a perform at the 40th annual cerlittle bit country and a little bit rock emony on Nov. 18. 'n' roll on stage at next month's American Music Awards.

Organizers announced Wednesday that Taylor Swift, Nicki Minaj and Linkin Park will

All are up for awards. Minaj is the night's leading nominee, along with Rihanna, with four bids each. Swift is nominated for favorite female country artist, and Linkin Park is in the running for alternative artist.

Fans can pick the winners by voting online. Christina Aguilera will also perform at the ceremony in Los Angeles, where it will be broadcast live on ABC.

Singer Bobby Brown arrested in Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Singer Bobby Brown has been arrested on suspicion of drunken driving for the second time this year.

Los Angeles police spokeswoman Venus Hall says Brown was stopped in his car shortly after midnight Wednesday.

Police say he was booked on suspicion of driving under the influence and was later released.

A representative for Brown could not immediately be contacted.

The 43-year-old pleaded no contest to driving under the influence earlier this year following a March arrest in Los Angeles. Under a plea agreement, Brown checked himself into a rehabilitation center in August.

Brown's first album in 14 years came out this summer.

Fiance's rare drunken bouts could become more frequent

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating the greatest man I've ever met in my life for three years. "Jared" has wonderful kids and a successful career. He's handsome and is kind to me, my kids and my family. We enjoy each other immensely, and we are now engaged.



We are social drinkers, but about once a year Jared gets incredibly intoxicated and changes into the most

horrible person I have ever seen. It's all verbal yellingnothing physical—but it's still inexcusable. After an "episode" he is guilt-ridden and apologetic for weeks. I believe he's sincere, but it has made me rethink our engagement. He had an episode a week ago—the third during the time we've been together.

Our kids are close and care about each other. I love Jared, but if I have to endure another instance of this I don't think I can go through with the marriage. I'm still angry about the last bout, and he's still guilt-ridden. How do I approach this?

CONFLICTED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: The first thing to do is make it your business to attend some Al-Anon meetings. When you do, you'll soon realize that the behavior Jared is exhibiting can escalate.

While Jared may be able to handle his liquor 364 days a year (now), what happens on that 365th is a dealbreaker. Unless you want to spend your life worrying every time Jared picks up a glass who he will be when he puts the glass down, draw the line now. Tell him the person he becomes during these "episodes" is a stranger you have no desire to have anything to do with—ever and if he can't GUARANTEE that you will never see that person again, the marriage is off. Of course, this will mean the end of his social drinking and probably yours. If what you have together is as special as you say, it is only a small sacrifice.

Be prepared, because he will probably deny he has a problem. Unless you want to become a miserable nervous wreck, you must not relent. The explosion, the guilt, the "honeymoon" period afterward are similar to the cycle of domestic violence, so be aware of that.

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful son died five years ago. He chose his death by hanging—suicide. He had suffered for years, and all our love couldn't help him. He once told me, "Mom, I don't want to live like this anymore. I want to be with Jesus.'

We know we will see him again. Still, I find it hard to tell people how he died. I know I don't have to, but it still haunts me sometimes. I'd like to know how others who have been through the same thing feel about this. Thank you for your support.

MOM IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR MOM: I'm sorry about the death of your son, who suffered from severe chronic depression. When there is a suicide, the family can experience a range of emotions—including anger, sadness and guilt. When a child commits suicide there can also be feelings of selfrecrimination. If that's the case with you, please seek counseling.

I'm sure that when your letter is published, I'll hear from readers who will share their experiences. If you will visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website, www.afsp.org, you can search for a suicide survivor support group in your area, because talking with others who have experienced this can be helpful.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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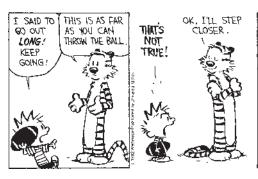


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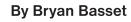
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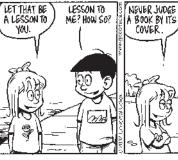
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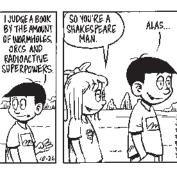


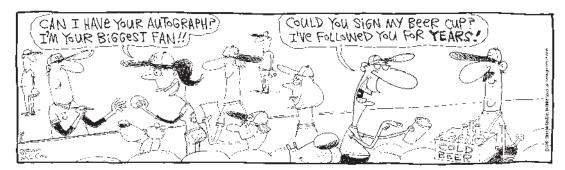


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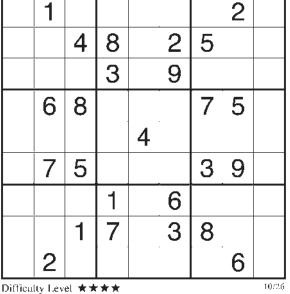
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Sandoval's 3 HRs lead Giants to win in opener



CISCO (AP)-A roly-poly Kung Fu Panda outslugged the

Triple Crown winner. An October outcast outpitched the Cy Young ace.

With Pablo Sandoval and Barry Zito taking star turns, this World Series is off to a rollicking start.

Sandoval hit three home runs and joined Reggie Jackson, Babe Ruth and Albert Pujols as the only boppers to do it in the Series, and the San Francisco Giants jolted Justin Verlander and the Detroit Tigers 8-3 on Wednesday night in Game 1.

"Man, I still can't believe it," Sandoval said.

A boisterous AT&T Park crowd-a sea of black and orange outfits-roared as Sandoval connected in his first three at-bats. Popular in the Bay Area for his outgoing personality and unusual physique, he went 4 for 4 and drove in four runs. A Giant panda for sure.

From the first pitch to last, it was basically a perfect game by the Giants. Coming off a Game 7 win over St. Louis on Monday night, they looked totally fresh.

"We played our last game only two days ago," Sandoval said. "We're still hot. We just came here and played our game."

Verlander, the reigning Cy Young winner so dominant in this postseason, looked uncomfortable from the outset and constantly pawed at the mound.

As fans filed out singing along with Tony Bennett's standard "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," the final score raised a nagging question for manager Jim Leyland and his favored Tigers: Did too much rest after a playoff sweep of the Yankees mean too much rust?

"I just didn't execute tonight," Verlander said. "It was kind of a battle from the get-go. They took advantage of that and swung the bat pretty well, especially Pablo and (Marco) Scutaro. A couple of good bounces their way, bad for us."

Game 2 is Thursday night, with Doug Fister starting for the Tigers against Madison Bumgarner.

Left off the 2010 World Series roster by the champion Gi-



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval hits a two-run homer during the third inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Detroit Tigers Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, in San Francisco.

ants, Zito shut out the Tigers until Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera's RBI single in the sixth. The Giants won for the 14th straight time with Zito starting.

"Just the opportunity alone was mind-blowing. Me and my wife were dancing around when I heard," Zito said of getting the Game 1 start. "And then the boys came out swinging and played great defense."

Sandoval did his damage with his bat. He donated the wood he used for the first two homers to the Hall of Fame—no need for it anymore, he broke it on the backswing of his second shot.

It was certainly a moment of retribution of Sandoval. He was benched during the 2010 World Series, his production and confidence down, his weight up. In the stands on this night, fans wearing furry panda hats celebrated with him.

"You have to keep working. I've never lost faith to be here,'

Get this: It was the first threehomer game at the stadium nounced that Verlander was

Park since the very first one, when Kevin Elster did it for the Dodgers in 2000. Nope, not even home run king Barry Bonds had done this.

Tagged by Sandoval for a solo shot in the first inning, Verlander could only mouth 'Wow!' when the Giants star launched a tworun drive in the third that set off another blast of fog horns. Sandoval reprised his power show from this year's All-Star game, when his bases-loaded triple highlighted a five-run first inning against Verlander.

Quite a blast from a team that finished last in the majors in homers.

We're not known for our power," manager Bruce Bochy

And if there was any doubt that Verlander was shaky, the clearest sign came in the fourth. That's when Zito, a career .099 hitter, sliced an RBI single with two outs off the current AL MVP for a 5-0 lead.

The festive crowd stood and applauded when it was anoriginally known as Pac Bell being pulled for a pinch hitter

Zito shines in World Series debut for Giants ed to revive his career in his with Verlander, he didn't flinch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Barry Zito is playing his part in early 30s. this World Series, all right.

After years of being labeled baseball's most overpaid pitcher, Zito took the ball Wednesday night and thoroughly outshined reigning AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander to lead the San Francisco Giants to an 8-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers that sent the orange-crazed home fans into a Zito-fueled frenzy.

"You can't let your nerves get to you. You can't go out and try to make things happen," Zito said. "You can't go try to strike guys out or get ground balls. You just have to take every pitch one at a time and give everything you've got to each pitch and let baseball play out from there."

Three home runs from Pablo Sandoval only helped Zito's cause in Game 1.

The left-hander watched his teammates clinch the World Series title two years ago in Texas, never playing a part on the field that postseason after he was left off the roster. That was all the motivation he need-

Now, he has the Giants one win closer to another championship after a dazzling World Series debut. Zito has just about earned his \$126 million contract in a sensational span of six days. A hefty chunk of it, anyway.

"I battled in September to make the postseason roster," Zito said. "The last thing I would have expected at that point was to be starting Game 1. Just the opportunity was just magical. To be able to go up against Verlander and give our team a chance to go up 1-0, and the fact that we won, it's just kind of surreal. It's just a pleasure to be a part of it all."

Last Friday night at Busch Stadium, Zito pitched a seasonsaving 5-0 victory against St. Louis and sent the Giants home trailing the defending champion Cardinals 3-2—and they rallied again to reach a second World Series in three years.

For anyone who doubted Zito could deliver on the big October stage, while facing the daunting task of dueling

a solo homer off reliever Al Alburquerque in the fifth, answering the cheers by waving his batting helmet in a curtain call. The Tigers seemed out of sorts in their first game following a five-day layoff. That was an issue in 2006, too, when Verlander and his teammates had

in the fifth. Sandoval gave his

followers another reason to get

up moments later when he hit

wiped out by the Cardinals. "I'm one that's been around long enough to know that a lot of things happen in this game. This was a big-hyped game with Justin, probably a lot of pressure on him," Leyland said.

nearly a week off before getting

"But I don't think it had anything to do with the pressure. His fastball command was not good. He got out of sync. He got on fast forward. He just did not pitch well tonight. It's that simple," he said.

Pujols homered three times last year, Jackson accomplished the feat in 1977 and Ruth did it in 1926 and again in 1928.

once. And when two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum came out of the bullpen to replace him in the sixth, Zito ran off to a roaring standing ovation and offered a quick tip of his cap before disappearing into the dugout.

During his 2012 transformation back to reliable starter, the 33-year-old Zito never wanted the focus to be on him or how he's accomplished this remarkable comeback but rather what he could add to make the Giants a winner and playoff contender again. And, possibly, win another World Series ring along the way.

Nobody is questioning Zito's talents now. His line of one run on six hits, three strikeouts and a walk in 5 2-3 innings was hardly spectacular—but it rarely is for Zito. He is doing just what manager Bruce Bochy asks of him: giving the Giants a chance to win.

"Especially in the down times, he could not have been more of a high-class, respectful, dignified professional," Giants CEO Larry Baer said.

Yankees headed into offseason of change



(AP)—Alex Rodriguez and

his potentially bruised ego might be the least of the New York Yankees' problems this offseason.

Ace CC Sabathia is going to have his left elbow examined by Dr. James Andrews. Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera are aging stars dealing with major injuries. Hiroki Kuroda, Ichiro Suzuki and Nick Swisher are headed for free agency. The list is a long one for the ballclub that was handed one of its most em-

NEW YORK barrassing exits from the postseason: a thorough four-game sweep by the Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series.

"Sometimes quiet's a bad thing, right?" manager Joe Girardi said Wednesday at Yankee Stadium. "There's been other years here that have been extremely—a lot of stuff going on in the offseason. Some injuries and other things we've had to deal with, and we've done just fine."

While the Yankees will have plenty of decisions to make this year.

offseason, the one that will garner the most headlines and create the biggest stir is what—or what not—to do with A-Rod. He returned from a broken hand in September and struggled down the stretch and right into postseason. The 37-year-old third-baseman's regular-season numbers were the lowest they've been in his career for a full season, finishing with 18 homers and 57 RBIs.

Still, Girardi is planning for A-Rod to be in his lineup next

"I expect Alex to be our everyday third baseman. I do," Girardi said. "What does he have to show me? That he's healthy and ready to go."

Even if the Yankees would like to trade the three-time MVP, it will be extremely difficult: they owe him at least \$114 million over the next five seasons.

Taking some time off after the team's early exit, Girardi hasn't spoken to Rodriguez since he benched the fading slugger three times in nine games this postseason and pinch hit for him on three other occasions. But

he's prepared to deal with any of the fallout from decisions he insisted were well thought out.

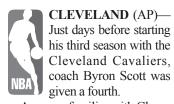
"I'm always worried about whatever move I make, how it affects the club, how it affects a player, anything. I think it's something that, sure, I possibly might have to deal with more than I expected, but I possibly might may not have to deal with it at all," Girardi said. "As we move forward, I'll get a temperature on it, keep track of it and see how it's going."

Girardi had less to offer on a myriad of possible issues that could affect the team next season.

He felt confident that Sabathia will be ready for spring training even though the lefthander is going to have his elbow examined by the doctor who is renowned for performing elbowreconstruction surgery known as Tommy John surgery. Sabathia went on the disabled list this August because of swelling in the elbow—his second trip of the year to the DL after a groin strain.

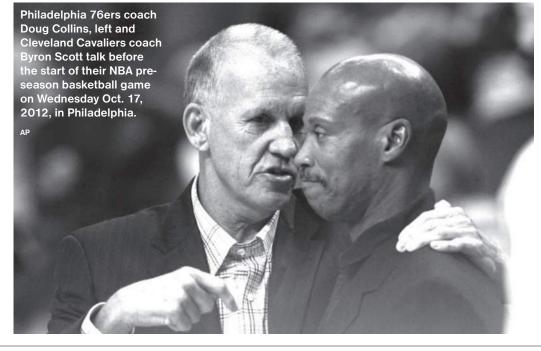
"He pitched very well down the stretch, which made me feel very good about what's going on." Girardi said. "but at times people have to be evaluated to make sure everything is OK."

Cavaliers decide to keep coach Byron Scott



A person familiar with Cleveland's decision said Wednesday night that the Cavs have exercised the option on Scott's contract for the 2013-14 season. The team picked up the option less than a week before Scott opens his third year with the club, said the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Cavs' policy is to not make player or staff contracts public

The 51-year-old Scott is 40-108 in his two seasons with Cleveland. However, the team



has been impressed with the way he has developed its young roster, which includes point guard Kyrie Irving, the NBA's reigning rookie of the year, and second-year forward Tristan Thompson.

The Cavs' decision on Scott was first reported by the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Scott took over the Cavs in the 2011 season, following the summer when superstar LeBron James left for Miami as a free agent. Scott, who previously coached in New Orleans and New Jersey, signed a three-year deal—with the Cavs holding the fourth-year option—without knowing if James would be back.

Cleveland went 19-63 in Scott's first season, losing a league record 26 consecutive games in one hor-

rific stretch. But even while enduring one of the worst seasons in league history, Scott maintained a positive attitude and kept his team from splintering.

The Cavs finished 21-45 last year, but Irving flourished in Scott's system and the 20-year-old restored hope to a franchise the bottomed out after James bolted.

Scott is excited about his young team this season, and the Cavs should be better with rookie guard Dion Waiters and center Tyler Zeller expected to play significant roles.

A first-round draft pick in 1983, Scott played 15 seasons in the NBA. He won three titles as a shooting guard with the Los Angeles Lakers.

NFL players oppose Tagliabue hearing appeals



NEW ORLEANS

(AP)—The players' union and the four players suspended in the Saints' bounties

case filed motions Wednesday to have former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue removed from hearing their appeals.

They asked in U.S. District Court in New Orleans that Tagliabue recuse himself because of a conflict of interest, and also asked for a neutral arbitrator to be appointed by the court.

The NFL said it would oppose Tagliabue stepping aside.

Commissioner Roger Goodell removed himself from hearing this set of appeals and appointed his predecessor last week. But the players and their union contend Tagliabue should be disqualified because of his employment by a law firm that has handled bounty-related matters for the league and represented Goodell in Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma's defamation lawsuit against him.

The hearings are scheduled for next Tuesday, subject to any court rulings.

The players association has concerns about "ethical and legal" issues involving Tagliabue hearing appeals by Vilma and defensive end Will Smith, Browns linebacker Scott Fujita and free- agent defensive end Anthony Hargroye.

Fujita, meanwhile, will be placed on injured reserve later this week by Cleveland and will miss the rest of the season. His suspension originally was three games, then was reduced to one by Goodell after a first set of player appeals.

Vilma was suspended for the entire season, but played last Sunday while the appeals process is in motion. Smith has a four-game suspension and Hargrove got eight games, subsequently reduced to seven. But he was cut in preseason by Green Bay and does not have a team.

The union also contends that such "pay-for programs" existed when Tagliabue was commissioner, with his knowledge.

"We have advised the union that we believe there is no basis on which former Commissioner Tagliabue should recuse himself and we will oppose any request that he do so," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email. "The appointment is consistent with the CBA and past practice, and there is no question that Commissioner Tagliabue is fully qualified to hear these appeals."

Last week, the NFL and the union discussed the possibility that Tagliabue would step in if Goodell recused himself from hearing the appeals, and the union also suggested "several outsiders" who could be used in place of Goodell.

After Tagliabue was chosen by Goodell, Vilma said:

"I think it's a good first step for Paul to be the neutral arbitrator. We expect that he is going to do things in a neutral capacity, which would be to allow us to cross-examine some of the witnesses, allow us to see more of the evidence—if there is more evidence—and be able to have a fair hearing."

Tagliabue was NFL commissioner from 1989-2006. For part of that time, Goodell was the league's general counsel.













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IT&E Voyagers, Titans II lead 8-ball league

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



The IT&E Voyagers of SOS Bar & Grill, and 19th Hole

Bar's Titans II are the frontrunners of Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

IT&E Voyagers have accrued 125 wins in 195 matches thus far in the season and currently grips a five-game lead in the Tuesday league field after a 15-0 shutout win at home over Poseidon Bar & Grill-Caboose Crazy 8 (67-128).

In other results, the IT&E Incredibles (120-75) rung out a 13-2 home win at Oceanside Bar & Grill over Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers (83-112) to move into second place; third-ranked Blue Ice Hustlers (119-76) defeated the Docomo Pacific's Home Boyz (116-79), 10-5, at home in Utopia Bar; and Yuichiros Printing (77-118) upended 19th Hole's Titans I (73-122), 9-6, also at home.

Notables include one-time 8-ball on break sinkers Mario Diola of Yuichiros, IT&E Voyagers' Arjay Nonato, Docomo's Robert Sanciangco, IT&E In-



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The SOS IT&E Voyagers, from left, R.J. Mascarinas, Brian Nelvis, Arjay Nonato, Harris Enriquez, Rolly Villanueva, Luis Fajardo, and Roman Rodriguez pose for a group photo during a break in their game last week.

credibles' Mark Butac and Chester Cuento, and Ron Chisato of Titans I.

Chester Hamoy has ran the table a league-mark seven times and leads Blue Ice's Jerry Soriano (6) and Docomo's Nolan Cultura (5) and Juancho Mendoza (5).

In the Thursday league, the Titans II improved its record to 127-68 after a strong 14-1 road win over Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (86-109).

Titans II now holds a fourgame lead against Bammy's Equalizers (123-72), who diced up the division frontrunner's sister team Eagles (57-138) on the road, 13-2.

The Waterfront's Eight It!

Peter Lieto, who was crowned

the strikeout king for fanning

35 batters, and the Dodgers'

Ton Guerrero, who had the

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The Rockies slugger also accrued a league-high 11 runs batted in (RBI), won the on base percentage spoils, took the most triples (2) award, and gained a share of the most moubles (4) honors with Rabauliman (4).

Besides his most doubles

and braved the weather. It was

a wet start but the skies cleared

plum, Rabauliman also brought home the Golden Glove award (infield) and the most runs accolade for crossing the plate a league-record 17 times.

Rabauliman's teammate Mike Muna was selected Finals MVP for the latter's clutch pitching, while another Orioles player, Frankie Camacho, and Rockies' Cedric Ada were chosen Pitcher and Catcher of the Year, respec-

and thankfully no one was se-

verely injured," Policare said

in an email to Saipan Tribune.

It was great to see so many

people come out and warm up

tively. Camacho also won the earned run average award for maintaining a perfect 0.00 ERA during the season.

Meanwhile, O's skipper Walter Macaranas and Rockies' chief, Syl Ada, were hailed as Manager and Coach of the Year, respectively. Other individual awardees were the Reds' Lancaster Secharmidal, who took the Golden Glove (outfield) trophy, his teammate

most stolen bases. In related news, SMLBA president Rose Igitol presented DYS' Josephine Rabauliman with a special plaque of appre-

ciation for supporting the league that concluded last Saturday after the Orioles edged the Rockies in the finals, 8-7.

Meanwhile, registration for HOM is still open. Entry fee is only \$60 and each rider gets a limited edition HOM jersey and entry to the event banquet. Registration made after Nov.

20 will cost \$70, so bikers are encouraged to register early.

For more information, contact Policare at 237-5148 or via email at glenn.policare@picsaipan.com.

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scored one goal each for Shirley's FC, while the other goal was made off a Paire error. Paire also gained one goal off Shirley's FC's miscue.

MP United 3, Tan Holdings FC 1

MP United retained the second spot in the team standings after downing Tan Holdings in the other girls U15 tiff at the Hopwood pitch.

Jan-Nasia Travilla opened the scoring for MP United with her goal in the first half, while Kyla Ito and Negahr Rastguiy found the back of the net in the second half to contribute to the team's second victory. Mary Kay Alferos handed Tan Holdings (0-0-4) its lone goal in the game when she scored in the second half.

BOYS U15 MP United 5, **Tan Holdings 1**

for our 100K race."

Over at the Oleai Sports Complex Field for the boys U15, league-leader MP United topped Tan Holdings last Friday to extend its streak to four.

MP United had the game in the bag as early as the first half after scoring four goals against none from hapless Tan Holdings (0-0-3). Scott Kim and Ryota Ito drilled two goals apiece in the opening 45 minutes of the game to give MP United a good lead. Amir Abes nailed the other goal for MP United in the second half, while Tan Holding's avoided a shutout after getting one goal from Zion Alamer in the final frame.

Paire 2, Shirley's O

In the other boys U15 match, Paire FC blanked Shirley's (0-13) to take its second win in five games.

Neither team managed to light up the scoreboard in the first half before Paire found lapses on Shirley's defense in the second half to score backto-back goals in a span of four minutes. Joel Fruit canned the first goal for Paire in the 61st minute and four minutes later, James David also made it to the scoreboard.

BOYS U18 Paire 5, MP United-1 0

Paire also earned a shutout win in the boys U18 game last Saturday at the Oleai pitch.

Zhi Peng Lin led Paire's easy victory over MP United-1, as he recorded a hat-trick, while Jireh Yobech and Joel Fruit contributed one each apiece.

Fruit broke the ice for Paire in the 38th minute, while Lin got his first goal in the last minute of the first half. Lin went on to score two straight goals midway in the second half, while Yobech logged his

only goal in the closing minutes to help Paire keep the top spot in the five-team field with its 4-0-1 record. MPU-1 dropped to fourth with a 1-0-3 slate.

MP United-2 5. **Tan Holdings 1**

MP United-2 forced a two-way tie for second place with Tan Holdings (2-1-1) after thwarting the latter in the other boys

A 3-0 lead in the first half allowed MP United-2 to gain cushion against Tan Holdings. MP United drew goals from Enrico Del Rosario (21st), Dakota Hall (39th), and Daniel Lim (41st) in the first half.

Lim then posted his second goal eight minutes later, while Brian Lee completed the big win with a goal in the 65th minute.

Tanapon Unsa broke the spell for Tan Holdings three minutes after MP United-2 erected a 5-0 lead.

of the third spot with a 9-6 triumph at home over Jonny's Bar & Grill's Team SCS (85-110).

Notables include one-time 8-ball sinkers Ken Phillips

(107-88) strengthened its grip of the Eagles and Equalizers' Jerry Soriano, Erwin Gomez has run the table a league-high five times and is pacing Soriano (3) and The Waterfront's Rey Pinangay (3).

Blue Haus caging set for Nov. 11



Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League are planning to start

its 2012 season on Nov. 11 at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The league aims to promote the sport of basketball in the community and offer local athletes a platform to showcase their skills, in addition to promoting exercise, healthy competition, and a proactive lifestyle.

So far, nine teams have already shown interest and spots are still available. However, the league is exclusively for B-level players, age 18 and above. The initially list of teams include a pair of squads from the Rollers Basketball Club, DLX, , San

Organizers of the Antonio, Mekeni, and some groups that are led by Jacob Rio, Ric Alejandro, and Dexter Tenorio.

> Entrance fee is set at \$200, and since the upcoming edition is being put on merely for recreation, no prizes are up for grabs this time around.

> The league was originally capped to 12, however it may be expanded depending on the turnout. Rosters are limited to 12 players per team. The season is expected to conclude in late December.

> For more information, contact Dante Olivos at 989-6535 or Lawrence San Antonio at 789-8560. *(Walter Cepeda* Sutherland)



The R-Rebels' Roy Norita makes a break toward the basket in this Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League file photo taken in May this year at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Q: What is/are your greatest football achievement(s)?

A: I made it to the CNMI U14 Girls National Team.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: I want to thank everyone who volunteers for NMIFA. I also want to urge everyone involved with NMIFA to work together and be nice to each other no matter what club you play for. We are, after all, a Camacho

football family.

"Guin is a dedicated player who takes time to work on improving her skills. Guin is very young but shows a lot of maturity and determination as a player. She plays hard until the end of the game, no matter what the score is. Although she is younger than her teammates on the U15 team, she is not intimidated by older players. Guin started playing soccer as a U6 player and it's nice see that she still loves the game and still has a passion for the sport."— Guinevere's coach, Connie

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football?

A: For me soccer is fun, a good exercise. Also through soccer I am given a chance to meet with my friends and teammates a lot of times.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

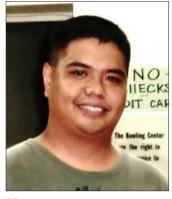
A: In 2011 in the U6 division, we won a game and I made a hat trick.

O: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: Keep practicing to become a better player.

"Kohtaro always does his best every game. He is an excellent team player and is very kind to all his teammates. He strives to get at least one goal every game, attends every practice, follows the coaches' instructions, and behaves well during each session. He loves to run and exerts more efforts in learning new tricks.—Kohtaro's coaches, Roxe Lazaro and Albert Bergancia

3 bowlers break spell in SBA roll-offs



Manacop

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Simon Manacop, Yho Villavicencio, and Ryan Batac moved out of their

slumps after topping Saipan Bowling Association's October roll-offs held at the Capitol Bowling Center.

Manacop ruled the Budweiser King of the Lanes tournament for this month for his first victory of the season. He collected 783 in the second day (Oct. 15) of the monthly tour-



Villavicencio

nament to beat the 717 of Raphael Zapanta, who led in Day 1 with his 699 pinfalls. Bowlers are allowed to compete for two days, but only the higher score is counted.

Manacop posted 200-plus pinfalls twice (216 in Game 2 and 203 in Game 4) to go with his 172 and 192 in the two other games for an average of 195.75 per game. Zapanta, who aimed for this third monthly plum but faltered, averaged only 179. 25. His brother, Raymond, recorded a 170.25 average (195, 121, 188, and 177) to round up



Batac

the Top 3.

Eight others joined the October King of the Lanes with Ruselle Zapanta placing fourth with his 640 pinfalls, followed by Jae Young Kim (631), Ronald Batac (615), Benjie Cruz (609), Raymond Angeles (576), Yong Woon Lee (557), Jerry Kaneshi (552), and Tony Yarobwemal (510).

In the Queen of the Lanes, eight female keglers fought for the October plum with Villavicencio topping the field to end her eight-month drought.

Villavicencio, who last won

a monthly title in January, took the lead in Day 1 with her 688 pinfalls and remained on top after Ron Cal's 641 pinfalls were good only for fourth place. Elena Soll (670) and Carol McKenzie (647) also retained the No. 2 and 3 spots, respectively. Myrna Santos came in at fifth with her 595 pinfalls, while Gigi Zapanta (559), Gina Sablan (558), and Marie Candado

(485) completed the field.

In the Fiji Prince of the Lanes, the youth tournament also produced a new winner in Ryan Batac, who bested previous monthly winners John Taisacan, M.J. Aldan, and Marion McKenzie, and Toby Verdaguer, and Marcel McKenzie.

Batac stunned his competition after earning 681 pinfalls. Taisacan, who won the August

and September tournaments, missed his third straight crown after only mustering 613 pinfalls. Aldan, who topped the event from March to July, settled for third with his 608 pinfalls, while January and February winner Marion McKenzie fell to the fourth spot with his 602 pinfalls. Verdaguer, and Marcel McKenzie posted 520 and 367 pinfalls, respectively.

Graphics Printing, 2 others win in Masters caging

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Graphics Printing and Servi-

tek won their respective games in the 45A division, while Joe Pangelinan's team triumphed in the 50A match in the Masters Basketball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands Recreational League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Servitek bested Bloody Mama, 87-79, in last weekend's curtain raiser, and Graphics Printing flanked LBT Appraisal in the other 45A pairing, 78-72, while Pangelinan's team overwhelmed Fong's Bakery, 81-71.

Bloody Mama assumed a 24-15 lead in the opening 10 minutes, as it received some early contributions from six different players. It maintained a 43-36 margin at the half, as Alex Ocampo and Frank Babauta hooked up for a dozen markers.

John Capuyon Sr. carried the torch for Servitek in the first quarter with his 11 points, while Jun Abedes and Boy Garcia picked up where he left off in the second quarter, combining for 13 markers.

Servitek then pinned it ears back after the pause and locked the match at 64-all, heading into the final period. Abedes led the third-quarter charge with 14 points and then he and Capuyon caught fire in the payoff period, burying a pair of three-balls each to help push Servitek past its rivals.

Abedes added 8 more points to his treys in the clutch and finished with a game-high 35 points, while Ocampo paced Bloody Mama with his 15 markers.

In the second 45A pairing, Elmer Pineda and Ray Sahagun each managed 6 points in the first quarter to provide LBT Appraisal with a 18-11 favor. However, Graphics Printing battled back to within a point at intermission, 32-33, off Ed Cosino's 7 markers and a handful of other donors.

LBT got back on its horse after the break and reclaimed control, 57-51, just before the start of the fourth quarter, as Teddy Bugay's 8 points complemented the combined 12 markers of Pineda and Lilio Tiples.

However, Martin Moreno saved gas in the tank for a big finish for Graphics Printing. The forever young speedster took



Graphics Printing's Martin Moreno, left, gets hacked by LBT Appraisal's Elmer Pineda during the closing minutes of their 45A division matchup in the Masters caging last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

over at crunch time and motored up and down the court for a14point tear, as an exhausted LBT squad gasped for air. Moreno's burst helped steal the win, and earned him top scoring honors for his team in the process, as he finished with 20 markers. Pineda topped the field with 23.

In the lone 50A game, Joe Pangelinan's team made it through the opening frame in rhythm and a long range strike just before the end of the first quarter from Pangelinan himself put the group ahead, 24-16.

Fong's Bakery tried to claw its way back into the game and managed to work some players to the free throw line where they converted seven, but George Villasan and Ed Manalili hooked up for 11 markers for Pangelinan's team to stretch the lead at the half, 41-31.

Then things went from bad to worse for Fong's, as it afforded Pangelinan's team over a 20-point margin, 65-44, heading into the final period. Dave Demapan fronted Pangelinan team's uprising with his 8 points, and although Fong's fought its tail off in effort to mount a late comeback, it simply ran out of time. Fong's did manage to save face, however and halved the deficit, but Pangelinan's crew never had a doubt.

Pangelinan's Manny Sitchon led all scorers with his 25 points and received 21 points in support from Villasan.

Meanwhile, the season continues this Sunday with 40A's 8 Division squaring off against Nat Banatasa's group at 9am, and Erika's Catering taking on Ask12B1 at 11am. Then 45A's Bloody Mama faces LBT at 12:30pm, while 50A's LBT closes the action against John Manglona's crew at 1:30pm.

First Game

Servitek 87 – Abedes 35, Capuyon 17, Tabora 11, Garcia 7, Esconde 6, Morales 6, Culala 3, Buenabajo 2.

Bloody Mama 79 - Duenas 15, Ocampo 15, Jinang 13, Miguel 8, Alejandro 6, Del Rosario 6, Babauta 5, Pepito 5, Bernardo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-24, 35-43, 64-64, 87-79.

Second Game

Graphics Printing 78 -Moreno 20, Cosino 15, Tobias 15, Bicera 9, Espinosa 9, Farinas 4, Pacheco 4, Ebuen 2, Vil-

LBT Appraisal 72 - Pineda 23, Tiples 16, Bugay 16, Manalili 6, Sahagun 6, Palacios 5.

Scoring by quarters: 11-18, 32-33, 51-57, 78-72.

Third Game

Joe Pangelinan 81 - Sitchon 25, Villasan 21, Pangelinan 14, Demapan Manalili 4, Garcia 4.

Fong's Bakery 71- M. Duenas 14, Aguilar 12, Espinosa 10, Baterina 10, Bernardo 10, Pepito 8, Alejandro 4, Betry 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-16, 41-31, 65-44, 81-71.

Little League hands individual awards



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From left, the Dandan Comets' Rejay Iskawa, Austin Indalecio, Edmund Cruz, and Erik Cruz show their awards received during the SLLBI's 2012 season awards ceremony held last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND



Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. handed out awards to the top

individual performers of the 2012 season in a brief ceremony last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Comets' Aurel Mendiola led the awardees, as he took the Major Division's batting title, the most runs batted in (RBIs), triples, and runs scored honors, and eventually the regular season's MVP plum.

Mendiola's teammate Erik Cruz also received applause for maintaining the lowest Earned Run Average (ERA) from the mound and was chosen MVP in the playoffs.

Other awardees in the Major Division were Ol'Aces strikeout king Virgil Secharmedal and Enforcers duo Kier Agda and Shakobe Rangamar, who were named home run leader and most doubles winner, respectively.

In the Junior League, the Jets' Franco Nakamura and Red Sox's Jerald Cabrera were hailed regular season and playoff MVPs, respectively, and the former took the home run title, too. Nakamura also won a share of the triples lead with Falcons' Darrion Jones, while the Jets' Kelvin Jack Deleon Guerrero won the batting crown.

The Falcons' James Kintaro finished the year with the most RBIs and the Ol'Aces' Jesse Brel scored the most runs, while his teammate, Mike Muna, finished with the most doubles.

In pitching, Ol'Aces lefty Terson Eina won ERA honors and Jets' Jason Villagomez earned strikeout spoils.

The Ol'Aces' A.J. Lizama also shone on awards day, as he claimed the regular season MVP, overall batting, most RBIs, most triples, lowest ERA, and most strikeouts categories in the Senior League, in addition to a share of the home run lead with the Hunters' Joseph Borja, Jets II's Shane Deleon Guerrero-Diaz, and the Fielders' Poland Masaharu.

most runs scored plum, while other Senior League winners included Finals MVP Lancaster Secharmidal of the Ol'Aces and Jets II doubles leader Raymond Saralu.

Camacho was also hailed as the strikeout king, while teammate Kevin Villagomez won playoff MVP honors.

The Ol'Aces' Leonard Sablan ruled the home run race, while the Fielders' Patrick Tenorio busted the most triples of the year, and the Ol'Aces' Diego Camacho, and Lemarc Iguel, and the Hustlers' MacGarette Duenas topped the most runs chart.

Masaharu also bagged the

The Ol'Aces' Harry Nakamura finished his Little League career on a high note, winning the Big League's regular season MVP plum, the batting title, most doubles, and a share of the RBI lead with teammate Keoni Lizama and Hustlers' Brian Camacho.



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Dela Cruz, Rabauliman haul awards

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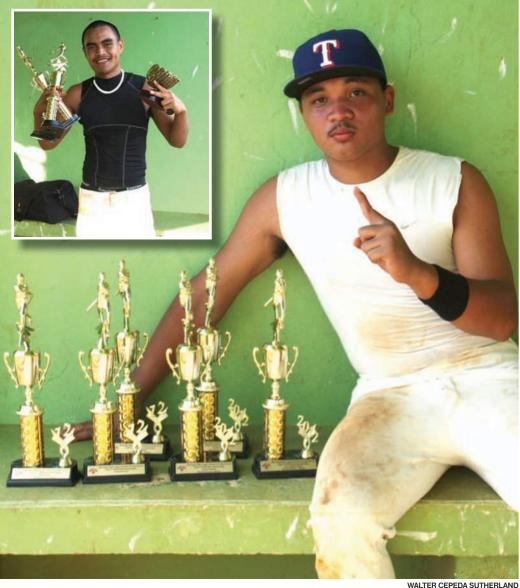
un Rabauliman of newcrowned champions Orioles and Rockies' Ricardo Dela Cruz earned the most awards in the Saipan Major League Baseball/Division of Youth Services' 18U Triple A Championship Youth Baseball League.



Dela Cruz was selected regular season most valuable

player during the awards ceremony at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield last Saturday and was also hailed the league's batting champion with a stout batting average of 0.457. Remarkably, he was the only player that maintained a hitting rate above the 0.400 mark.

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The Rockies' Ricardo Dela Cruz and Orioles' Jun Rabauliman, inset, show the awards they won in the SML/ DYS youth baseball league after the trophies presentation last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios

Teen rider rules pre-'Hell' race

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Fourteenvear-old Erico Castro

stunned his competitors in the pre-Hell of the Marianas race, as he finished first out of 66 riders in last Sunday's event.

Castro completed the 50-kilometer race in 1:43:52.18 to win the road bike division against Rene Calage (1:48:13.28)) and last year's top finisher and veteran biker Lewie Tenorio (1:48:13.56), who still managed to complete the race and made it to the Top 3 despite a flat tire near Herman's Bakery.

Castro also defeated MTB first placer Nap Dizon in a down-to-the-wire race at the finish line at the southern parking lot of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio. Dizon crossed the finish line at the 1:43:52.41 mark. Last season's pre-Hell of the Marianas runner-up Butch



Sublemente had another bridesmaid finish in the MTB division after clocking in at 1:48:05, while Bob Ferrer completed the Top 3 with his 1:48:13.01.

Hell of Marianas race last Sunday.

In the women's MTB, Glorybel Tan was the first female rider to make it to the finish line at the 1:54:22.69 mark, but was quick to admit she missed heading up to Aqua Resort Club after going down Capital Hill thus the first place win was awarded to Joann Salazar, who timed in at 2:21:37. Susan Marchitti (2:24:56) and Theresa Kim Tenorio (2:49:24) rounded out the Top 3, while Tan was honored with the sportsmanship award for her honesty.

In the road bike category, Regina Sebial submitted 2:06:39 to beat Norma Ada, who clocked in at 2:45:13.

Last weekend's event, which aimed at preparing local riders for the 2012 Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race set for Dec. 1, started at 6am with bikers and volunteers greeted by heavy rains just before participants headed out to the course, according to race director Glenn Policare. From PIC's southern parking lot, bikers went to the airport and passed through Isa Drive, Chalan Talofofo, Kingfisher Golf Links's entrance, and back to Isa Drive. They then went down Capital Hill and turned right on Chalan Pale Arnold toward Aqua Resort before making a U-turn at Aqua Resort to head back to PIC via Beach Road.

"While the rain did not dampen any spirits, it did force a handful of riders to opt out of the Kingfisher Hill, as the slick roads proved to be stronger than their skin. I am grateful for all those who came out

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NMIFA YOUTH PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Name: Guinevere Borja Age Group: **U12 and U15** Team: Paire FC Position: Forward Jersey No.: #3 Years of Playing Experience: 5 years Village: Chalan Kiya

School: Whispering Palms Grade: 7th Favorite Player or Team: Japanese U14 Girls National

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: My mom encouraged me to play. I realized right a way how fun the sport is!

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: I play as a way to express See GUINEVERE on Page 34



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Name: Kohtaro Goto Age Group: U8 Team: Tan Holdings FC Position: Forward Jersey No.: #10 Years of Playing Experience: 4 years Village: Chinatown **School: Garapan Elementary** School Grade: 3rd Favorite Player or Team: Tan **Holdings FC**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: It started in 2008 when my mom and dad encouraged me to join Tan Holdings FC. I played soccer at the AMP when I was 4 years old.

Q: Why do you like to play See KOHTARO on Page 34

Favored teams deliver in fall league

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The 2012 NMI-FA Youth Fall League returned

to action last Saturday with the favorite teams living up to expectations after dominating separate foes.

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, Shirley's FC reported back to competition and defeated Paire FC in

the girls U15 match, 4-1. Shirley's, which drew a bye in Week 4 and did not play the following week, as organizers suspended Week 5 games due to the inclement weather, improved to a 2-1-1 win-draw-loss record to keep pace with Matansa (3-0-0) and gain a share of second place with MP United. Paire fell to third place with its 2-0-3 slate.

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Shirley's FC's Dianne Pablo, left, battles a Paire FC striker for the ball during the first half of their girls U15 game in the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.